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FORMER WAR SECRETARY MAKES A PERSONAL STATEMENT ON HIS RESIGNATION IN TENSE HOUSE



MR. CHAMBERLAIN



MR. L. HORE-BELISHA

No Conflict Of Views Or Policy With Colleagues

In a tense House of Commons yesterday afternoon and amid some cheers from the Opposition, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Secretary of State for War, whose resignation on January 5 provided London with a first-class political sensation, rose to make his personal statement, according to a Reuter message from London.

MAKING HIS STATEMENT REGARDING HIS RESIGNATION, MR. HORE-BELISHA SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED, AT THIS STAGE, TO HAVE LEFT THE MATTER OF HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT UPON THE PUBLISHED CORRESPONDENCE AND UPON THE MESSAGE WHICH HE GAVE TO HIS CONSTITUENTS, NAMELY, THAT HE HAD NO THOUGHT BUT THAT OF WINNING THE WAR.

"I am guided, as we must all be guided, by that overriding consideration. For two-and-a-half years, busy and urgent years, full of activity and rapid changes, I have held the high office of Secretary of State for War.

"The reorganisation and development of the Army during this period has been carried out with a degree of agreement that offers remarkable contrast to the stormy history of most reforms.

"I would not wish to have a recollection of that endeavour marred by any atmosphere of bitterness or controversy.

"I did not select my collaborators because they were ready, compliant or supinely acquiescent. I selected the strongest men I could find and I respected them most when they were outspoken in the Council.

"If, from time to time, there have been differences in outlook or temperament, or understanding, they went no deeper than must occur in any association of men bent on pressing tasks of more than a transitory nature.

"Our achievement, for what it has been, has been the result of our common endeavours. Particularly is this so in regard to what has been called 'democratisation' of the Army.

PART OF NATION

"This year there may be as many as 3,000,000 men under arms and I have always thought of it as an ideal that the army should be part of the nation (cheers) and not apart from the nation; that it should be a career in which every young man could enter with the knowledge that he could rise by his character and ability regardless of his status or his means.

"I had hoped that in some way we might thus gradually bind all members of the nation more closely in mutual understanding. At any rate, I have worked for that and all those who were associated with me, worked with me.

"It did not occur to me to consider that we were making the army too democratic to fight for democracy (cheers). I hope that it has been realised that the Secretary of State cannot divest himself of the accountability to Parliament for all matters, both great and small, concerning the army.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR U-BOAT

PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—It was revealed today that a U-boat, was either destroyed or escaped by the narrowest margin when it was attacked by a French warship as it was about to dive.

The self-scuttling by a German freighter, believed to be the Janus, when intercepted by a French warship while making a dash for home, was also announced.

Bad weather again reduced air activity on the Western Front almost to nil. British machines, however, are stated to have made their usual reconnaissance flights over German North Sea bases at Sylt and Borkum.

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China Red Cross Society Conference



THE 23RD JOINT CONFERENCE of the executives and supervisors of the China Red Cross Society was held in Kowloon on Sunday. Dr. C. T. Wang, President of the Society, who presided is seen second from the left in the picture above and on his right is Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission. (Photo, S. H. Hsia.)

Fighting T.B. In Colony: Urban Council Discusses Legislation For Prohibition Of Spitting In Public

FURTHER POWERS FOR TURKISH GOVERNMENT

ANKARA, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—A Bill giving the Turkish Government further powers in extraordinary circumstances will be introduced at the National Assembly today.

The extraordinary circumstances are reported to be general mobilisation, possibility of Turkey being involved in a war and the situation should Turkey be involved by a war between other nations.

The Bill is expected to pass the Assembly before it adjourns tomorrow.

GERMAN SAILORS FEAR CAPTURE

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16 (Havas)—Several sailors from the German liner Columbus which was scuttled on Dec. 19 have cancelled their passage to Germany, via the Far East, fearing capture by British warships.

JAPANESE BLOCKADE FAILURE

China's Export Trade Increases

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Despite the Japanese blockade and the European war, China's export trade through Hongkong is showing a big increase.

In the first eleven months of 1939, the total value of Chinese goods exported through Hongkong amounted to H.K. \$24,000,000; it is officially announced here.

Heavy foreign demand for wood and tea was responsible for the spectacular increase in exports, from H.K. \$23,250,000 in October to over H.K. \$27,000,000 in November compared with H.K. \$21,000,000 in September.

The export of bristles, however, was affected by the European war as Germany formerly imported large quantities of bristles from China.

Importance Of Education And Propaganda Stressed By Hon. Mr. Thomas Tam

Enforcement of legislation to prohibit spitting in public places, as one of the measures to combat tuberculosis in Hongkong, was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Urban Council, and it was unanimously agreed that the Government should be asked to make indiscriminate spitting an offence punishable by law.

Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman, said that it was not the first time that the question had been brought before the Council.

"On a previous occasion, as President of the Sanitary Board," he said, "I opposed legislation on somewhat general lines—a disinclination to increase the number of petty offences for which an ignorant member of the community might be taken before a magistrate and fined—and preferred that we should rely mainly upon education of the rising generation to stamp out the evil.

"The evils and dangers of spitting are taught in the schools of the Colony and elsewhere and has had a considerable effect," continued Mr. Carrie. "I can look back now over 25 years in Hongkong, and can testify to a great change in the habits of the people in this respect.

"But this is a slow process and we have a large body of the poorer classes which is not reached by these educative methods. It seems desirable to have something stronger."

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AMERICAN STEWARD DROWNED

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—An American steward of the liner President Coolidge and two Chinese members of the crew of the motor-boat Tortoise lost their lives this morning when the motor-boat, which broke down and was drifting in the middle of the river, was hit by a passing ship.

Frank B. Conroy, a sailor from the Coolidge, had a lucky escape and was saved after swimming about for 15 minutes.

SIXTEEN SHIPS SUNK BY ENEMY IN ONE WEEK

LONDON, Jan. 16 (EWS)—Sinkings due to enemy action for the week ended Jan. 13 comprised twelve British vessels, of 34,077 tons, and four neutral vessels, of 7,792 tons.

British ships sunk were the Cedrington Court (5,160 tons), Towneley (2,888), Dunbar Castle (10,000), Gowrie (889), Oak Grove (1,985), Upminster (1,013), El Oso (7,287), Granta (2,719), Kaynes (1,700), Lucida (251), Croxton (195), William Ivey (202).

Of these ships, five were mined, six bombed from the air and one sunk after an explosion.

Neutral ships sunk were the Truda (175 tons), Dutch, Manx (1,343), Norwegian, Travista (5,123), Italian and Fredville (1,150), Norwegian. All four ships were mined.

The Danish ships Feddy (955 tons) and Ivan Kondrup (2,369 tons), although damaged as the result of an attack on Jan. 9 reached harbour safely.

German shipping losses include Bahla Blanca (8,448 tons) reported sunk on Jan. 9 off Iceland as the result of damage by ice and and Dietrich Hassel Dick (172 tons) brown up on Jan. 11 as the result of either an internal explosion or striking a mine.

The total number of ships, British, Allied and neutral, escorted in British convoys up to Jan. 10, inclusive, was 5,363 of which only 12 were lost as the result of enemy action being 0.2 per cent.

Sinkings due to enemy action during the week ended January 6 numbered five representing a total tonnage of 11,143. Two of these five ships were British.

No Detailed Reasons For Replacement

Emphasising his prerogative in Cabinet appointments, Mr. Chamberlain said that he did not propose to give detailed reasons for Mr. Hore-Belisha's replacement.

"I had become aware of the difficulties arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Belisha which, in my view, made it desirable that a change should occur," Mr. Chamberlain added.

No Change In Army Policy Anticipated

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, referring to unfounded rumours, said that no change in Army policy was to be anticipated in consequence of the change in Secretary for War.

Mr. Chamberlain added that there had been no difference between the so-called "brass hats" and Mr. Hore-Belisha over the Army promotions.

The Prime Minister declared that it was pure invention to suggest there had been any Army pressure to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha or that he had been faced with displacing Mr. Hore-Belisha or receiving the resignations of high military officers.

\$80 Million British Order For Planes

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Britain has placed an \$80,000,000 order for pursuit planes with the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation.

CHINESE SUCCESS IN CENTRAL HUPEH AFTER SIX DAYS OF BITTER FIGHTING

CZECH OFFICERS ARRESTED BY GESTAPO

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Nearly 800 Czech officers have been arrested by the Gestapo since Christmas, it is learned at the German frontier from well-informed Czech sources.

Some of the officers, including General Braun, former Czech Military Attaché in Bucharest, are reported to have been immediately executed on charges of attempted revolt.

BRITAIN'S TANKER TONNAGE HIGHER

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—Britain's tanker tonnage is higher now than at the beginning of the war, according to official shipping information issued.

It is added that the German statement that 26 British tankers have been lost is untrue as losses are less than half that number and they have been more than replaced by new tonnage.

The Dunbar Castle, which was recently mined, was not under convoy but was proceeding to meet a convoy.

Several Towns Retaken: Artillery Duels

FENGLO, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—For six days and nights, Chinese and Japanese troops have been engaged in bitter fighting in Central Hupeh, according to a Chinese report, which adds that the Chinese succeeded in capturing Kaopu, Nanlinshih, Wangchiato and Sungchiati.

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Jan. 16 (Central)—Chungsiang, on the east bank of the Han River 35 miles west of King-shan, is encircled by the Chinese. A Japanese counter-offensive at Huangchiatsi and Yangtzuichen, near Chungsiang, with the support of planes has been repulsed.

CHINESE OFFENSIVE
Taking the offensive, the Chinese last Sunday defeated the enemy at Chuchiamiao, Kaopo and Wuwan around Yangtzuichen. They are now engaged in clearing up the remnant Japanese, Sunksiao, on the Chungsiang-Kingshan highway, is also surrounded.

Artillery duels have taken place between the Chinese and Japanese forces at Tsenkiang, on the south bank of the Han River, about 95 miles above Hankow. A Japanese thrust north-east of Tsenkiang last Sunday was hurled back. Skirmishes have taken place at Machiatat.

A Chinese ambush north of Tsenkiang last week resulted in over 100 Japanese being killed and over 10 trucks wrecked.

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In the World of Sports

SOCCER REVIEW

ROYAL SCOTS CAUSE THE SEASON'S BIGGEST UPSET

League Champions Lose Fine Record: Eastern In Form

BY "PILAT"

SOUTH CHINA "A" LOST THEIR FINE RECORD OF "NO-DEFEATS" ON SATURDAY when the Royal Scots defeated the champions by a solitary goal to register the biggest upset this season.

The Scots, on the day's play, were clearly the better side and thoroughly deserved to win. It was not until well in the second half after the Scots had scored their goal, that the champions shook off their lethargy and show glimpses of their best form. The closing minutes were very exciting and though South China forced two corners in succession they could not turn these to their advantage.

Hossack was in top form and, if he had been given more support by his inside men, would have accomplished better results, though he had two good wingers in Munro and Gilroy.

Naysmith and Fraser worked hard in the defence and did a creditable job of blocking Lee Wah-tong who found two or three men on him every moment he got the ball.

Duncan was brilliant in between the sticks and brought off some really daring saves.

The champions were much below the form they showed against Eastern. The forwards lacked their usual fine finishing touches but the two wingers, Tang Kwong-sum and Lau Tau-man, were seen in some flashy runs down the line. Fung King-chong was the hardest worker in the attack and tried hard to get the forwards moving. Tam Kwon-ken was safe in goal and confidently dealt with all the shots that came his way. Lee Tin-

sang, however, was not as sure in his kicking as he is wont to be.

MILD SURPRISE

Navy caused a mild surprise when they won against Kwong Wah by the odd goal in seven. This victory augurs well for the Navy's chances in their Kowloon Cup match tomorrow afternoon.

Fielding what was virtually their strongest eleven, the Senior Service played the better brand of soccer and should have won by a wider margin.

Roughly was very prominent in defence while Robinson showed sure pair of hands in guarding the Navy's attack.

Hendy, a former back, played with great success as the leader of the attack and was well supported by Thorburn.

Kwong Wah, weakened by absences, put up a poor show and only the good work of Lee Kwok-wai, left-back, saved the electricians from a bigger defeat.

CLUB-MIDDLESEX

Despite the fact that Club were mostly on the defensive, the Middlesex-Club encounter was not lacking in thrills.

From the start it was apparent that Club was up against a much superior team and Coles, in goal, and Barclay and Bone, backs, had a hectic afternoon trying to stem the Middle forwards. Wilson was far from being an ideal leader though well piled with passes by Pryde and Ernie Strange.

Bright and his men had the Club forwards subdued throughout and the soldiers' attack was again in fine fettle.

EASTERN AMAZE

Maintaining their brilliant form Eastern again amazed a big crowd with an exhibition of fast soccer on Sunday against St. Joseph's. The pace set up proved too much for the Saints who cracked up in the second half, after holding the Chinese to a one goal lead at the interval.

A. V. Gosaro was undoubtedly the outstanding player on the field and, from start to end was seen in many grand duels with Hui King-sing and had to call forth his vast experience to get the better of his younger opponent.

Henniball left excellent support to "A. V." but Hussain was the weak link in the immediate line. The Saints' forwards were disappointing. Leonard was off form and Bertie Gosaro and Pereira had to do all the work.

Tsang Chung-wan and Kong Sing-kin, Eastern backs, gave a polished and faultless performance and their powerful clearances and fine understanding mark them as one of the finest pair of backs in the Colony.

LAST MINUTE GOAL

South China "B" were again favoured with good luck when they scored a last minute goal to secure full points from Police on Sunday.

Play was dull and slow but was livened up somewhat in the second half when Police rallied to draw level at 3-aft.

Qian Kwong-yue was steady in the Police defence while Howlett showed clever footwork in the forward line.

FRIENDLY CHESS MATCH

The Hongkong Jewish Youth Association entertained members of the Kowloon Chess Club at a friendly match on Monday. The results were as follows:—

Jewish Youth Association:—A. Raymond 0, V. Zilinsky 1, B. Henkin 1, K. Weiss 0, B. S. Litvin

LAWN BOWLS AT

U.S.R.C. THIS AFTERNOON

Governor To Lead Team Against Home Club

There will be a friendly lawn bowls match at the United Services Recreation Club green this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock when a team led by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, will meet the U.S.R.C.

The teams are as follows:—

Governor's Team:—R. D. Walker, I. Newton, J. Deakin and H. E. the Governor (skip); Col. E. P. C. Collin, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser and E. Searle (skip); W. A. Cornell, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, C. B. Robertson and Sir Atholl MacGregor (skip).

United Services Recreation Club:—G. F. Costello, A. Hubbard, Major E. Levett and P. Younghusband (skip); Lieut. R. W. Rowell, Capt. R. T. Guscott, A. C. Milne and Dr. J. T. Smalley (skip); Major C. S. Bates; A. J. R. Moss, Command. Colson, R.N. (Retd.) and Col. E. S. White (skip).

K.I.T.C. TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The following are the results of the "Tournament" played during last week:—

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Round

S. A. Hussain beat S. S. Hussain 6-3, 6-0, 6-2; S. R. Salleh beat Pyara Singh 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; Firdos Khan beat M. A. Khan 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; M. O. Hoosen beat G. M. Khan 6-0, 6-1, 6-3; G. Singh beat A. R. Azan 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; A. Rahmin beat Jahan Dad 8-6, 6-3, 6-1; M. Ramzan w/o Ahmed Khan.

2nd Round

S. A. Hussain beat M. Ramzan 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; Firdos Khan beat S. R. Salleh 10-8, 6-4, 6-3.

SINGLES HANDICAP

1st Round

G. M. Khan—15 beat G. Singh—15 8-6, 6-2; S. R. Salleh—15 beat Firdos Khan—30 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; Jahan Dad—15 beat Dr. H. M. Singh—30; A. Rahmin—15 beat A. R. Azan scratch 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; M. Ramzan—15 beat S. S. Hussain—30 3-4, 8-4; Mit Singh—4/5 beat Pyara Singh—15.

2nd Round

M. Ramzan—15 beat Mit Singh—4/6 7-5, 7-5.

The following matches will be played on Saturday:—

SINGLES HANDICAP

1st Round

M. A. Khan—15 v. Ahmed Khan—15, at 4.30 p.m.

2nd Round

S. A. Hussain—40 v. G. M. Khan—15, at 4.15 p.m.; Jahan Dad—15 v. A. Rahmin—15, at 3.15 p.m.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd Round

M. O. Hoosen v. G. Singh, at 3.15 p.m.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TO-DAY

BADMINTON—A. Division, Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. Chung Wah; B. Division, K.C.C. v. V.R.C.; St. John's v. King's College; Reco v. Kowloon Tong.

HOCKEY—Hongkong Hockey Club's Team v. H.K.S.R.A. on the Club ground, 5 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—H.E. the Governor's Team v. U.S.R.C. at U.S.R.C. 3.30 p.m.

RIFLE SHOOTING—Spoon and Practice Shoot, Kowloon City.

TO-MORROW

FOOTBALL—Kotewall Cup, first round, Navy v. Army (Caroline Hill) 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

BADMINTON—Mixed doubles, Reco v. Reco; A; K.C.C. v. St. John's.

0, A. Rojstein 0, E. Shapiro 0, H. Samuel 1. Total 24.

Kowloon:—B. D. Evans 1, H. W. Randall 1, A. Kurrik 0, A. V. Birtukoff 1, E. A. Yvanovich 1, G. Hardt 1, F. A. Faber 1, J. H. D'Almeida 0. Total 54.

ANNUAL MEETING

MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN HISTORY OF FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB

"Last season was the most successful in the history of the Club" said Mr. M. M. Watson, president of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club at the annual general meeting held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday, in course of his report for the past year.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Watson said, in part:—I would like to draw your attention to the very successful year which the Club had and which has made our financial position less acute than it was at this time last year.

You will observe that a profit was made on the 'Stable Account' of \$427, as compared with a loss of \$587 last year. In some measure this has been due to the new system of Stable supervision by the R. A. Polo Pony Club and we should like to thank them for their help in this connection.

I think that we must always have a loss on the Hunters' Arms working account in view of the fact that our expenditure carries on throughout the year whereas the period of income is confined to the short racing season but nevertheless we should like to point out that this loss has been reduced by more than \$500, due to the excellent and generous service given to us by Mrs. Alec Potts and her husband. I am sure that all members are grateful and appreciative of the increased comfort now enjoyed at the Hunters' Arms.

CONSIDERABLE PROFIT

In the Kwanti Race Course Account, which is our main source of income, you will observe that each of the meetings showed a considerable profit over that of last year and in addition, the commission from special sweeps was doubled.

In the Income and Expenditure Account, the balance of the three preceding accounts are included, and in addition subscriptions, credited and debit items which

CLUB A TO PLAY KAI TAK AT RUGGER

There will be a game of rugby football on the Club ground at Happy Valley today, when the Club "A" XV will meet Kai Tak. The game will commence at 4.45 p.m.

The Club side has been selected as follows:—R. Rutherford; R. M. Lavalie, D. Hynes, P. B. Wilson, H. van Leeuwen (Captain); A. H. R. Butcher, C. G. Treadwell; W. Stoker, R. G. Castleton, E. W. Stout; R. M. M. King, L. A. Benn; J. Redman, J. Roscoe and R. Leigh.

could not conveniently be recorded in any of the foregoing accounts. You will observe that the cost of the Drag Hounds for the year was \$3,170 as compared with \$1,816, and the reason for this can easily be seen in the accounts.

In this account it will be noticed that the upkeep of Kennels showed an increase of \$1,400, and in addition, essential repairs and renewals cost the Club \$900.

We have written off the cost of hounds, and the assets, race course equipment, furniture and fittings, linen crockery and cutlery down to nominal figures.

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SAPPERS WIN AT RUGGER

FAST GAME AT SOOKUNPOO

The Royal Engineers defeated the 8th Heavy B.A. by three tries (nine points) to a goal (five points) in a friendly rugby match at Sookunpoo yesterday evening. Originally the gunners were down to meet the Middlesex Regiment and the Engineers to were to play the Royal Scots. The Scots and the Midds, however, were unable to play, and the sappers, therefore, took on the gunners.

The game was good and fast. Waite opened the score with a try for the sappers which Birrell failed to convert and play continued to half time without either side making any further progress.

The gunners scored a try through Freerer early in the second half and March converted to put them on the lead. Birrell, however, scored a try and put the sappers on top but he failed to convert.

Shortly before the end Pictor went over the line to give the sappers their third try but Birrell again failed to convert and the game ended with the sappers winners by nine points to five.

A Gramophone Record will be given at the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow at 9 p.m. by Mr. Way.

SOCCER LEAGUE AND KOTEWALL CUP FIXTURES

The following are the football fixtures for the coming week:—

TOMORROW

Kotewall Cup
Army v. Navy (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.); Ref.—Silva; Linesmen—Glover and Hinchliffe.

SATURDAY

Senior Shield 2nd Round
S. China "B" v. St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.); Ref.—Beard; Linesmen—Barnham and Adlard.

1st Division (4 p.m.)
Police v. Kowloon (Boundary Road; Ref.—Ip; Linesmen—Wyper and Copey).

Navy v. Eastern (Causeway Bay; Ref.—Ford; Linesmen—Carley and Baker).

Club v. Kwong Wah (Club; Ref.—Hinchliffe; Linesmen—Jent and Pearson).

Kowloon v. 24th R.A. (Kowloon, 4 p.m.); Ref.—Stokes.

Electric v. S. China "A" (C. Hill, 2.30; Ref.—Silva).

Junior Shield 2nd Round
Eastern v. Engineers (Club, 2.30; Ref.—Mitchell).

SECOND DIVISION "A"

R.A.O.C. v. 30th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.30; Ref.—Glover).

5th R.A. v. 8th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 4; Ref.—Omar).

Second Division "B"

University v. Signals (Kowloon, 2.30; Ref.—Foster).

Third Division

International v. Kumsons (Military, 2.30; Ref.—Hobson).

R.A.M.C. v. 5th R.A. (Military, 4; Ref.—Dove).

SUNDAY

Kotewall Cup
South China v. Army or Navy (C. Hill, 4; Ref.—Minniham; Linesmen—Foster and Goss).

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v. Electric (Sookunpoo, 2.30; Ref.—Barretto).

24th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 2.30; Ref.—Phillips).

South China v. Signals (C. Hill, 2.30; Ref.—Horlock).

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

First Division
Middlesex v. Royal Navy Boundary Road, 4; Ref.—Goss; Linesmen—Thorley and A.W. Smith.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

2nd Division "B"
University v. Engineers (Military, 2.30; Ref.—Edwards).

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

3rd Division
Royal Scots v. Engineers (Sookunpoo, 4; Ref.—Smith).

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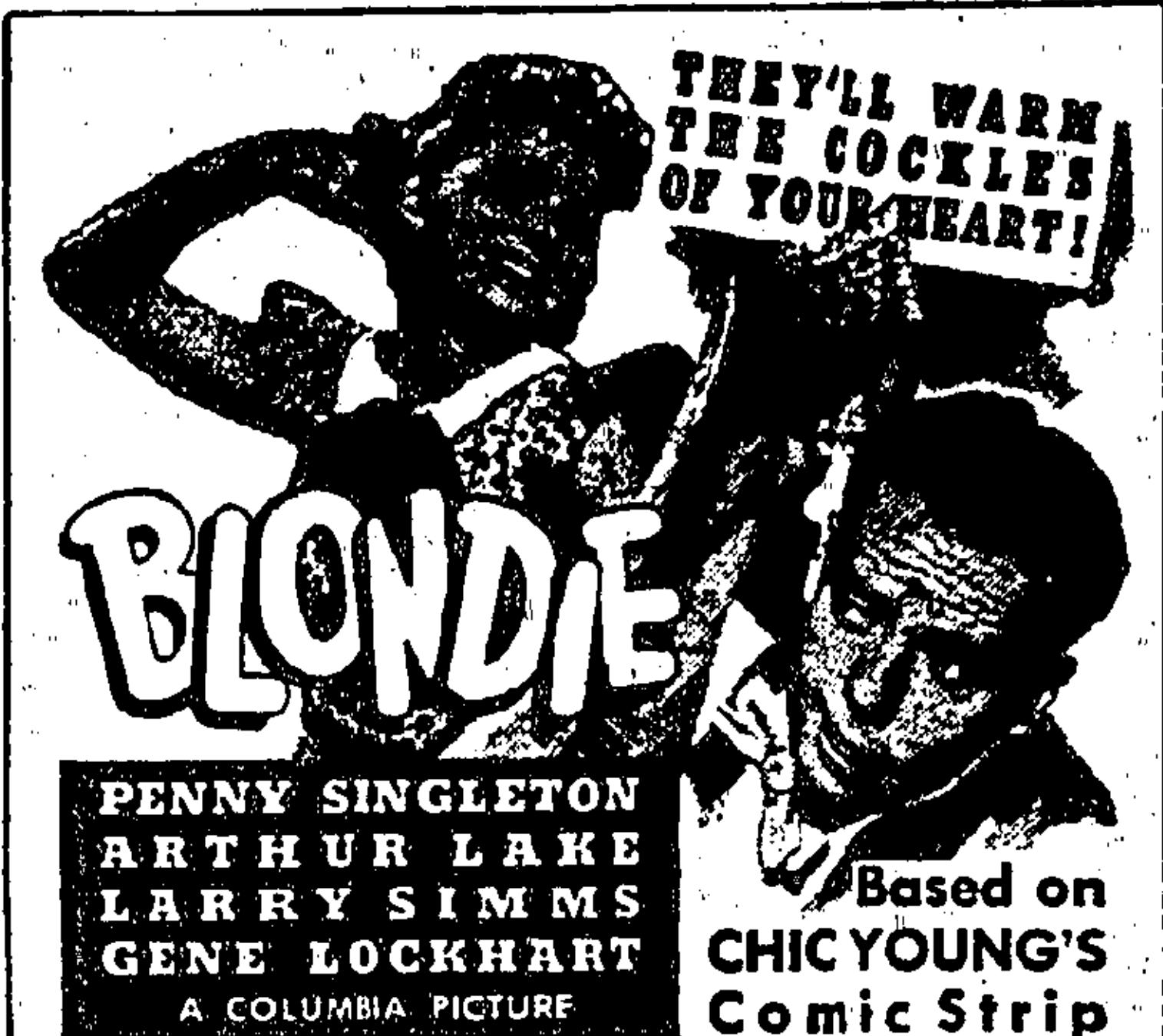
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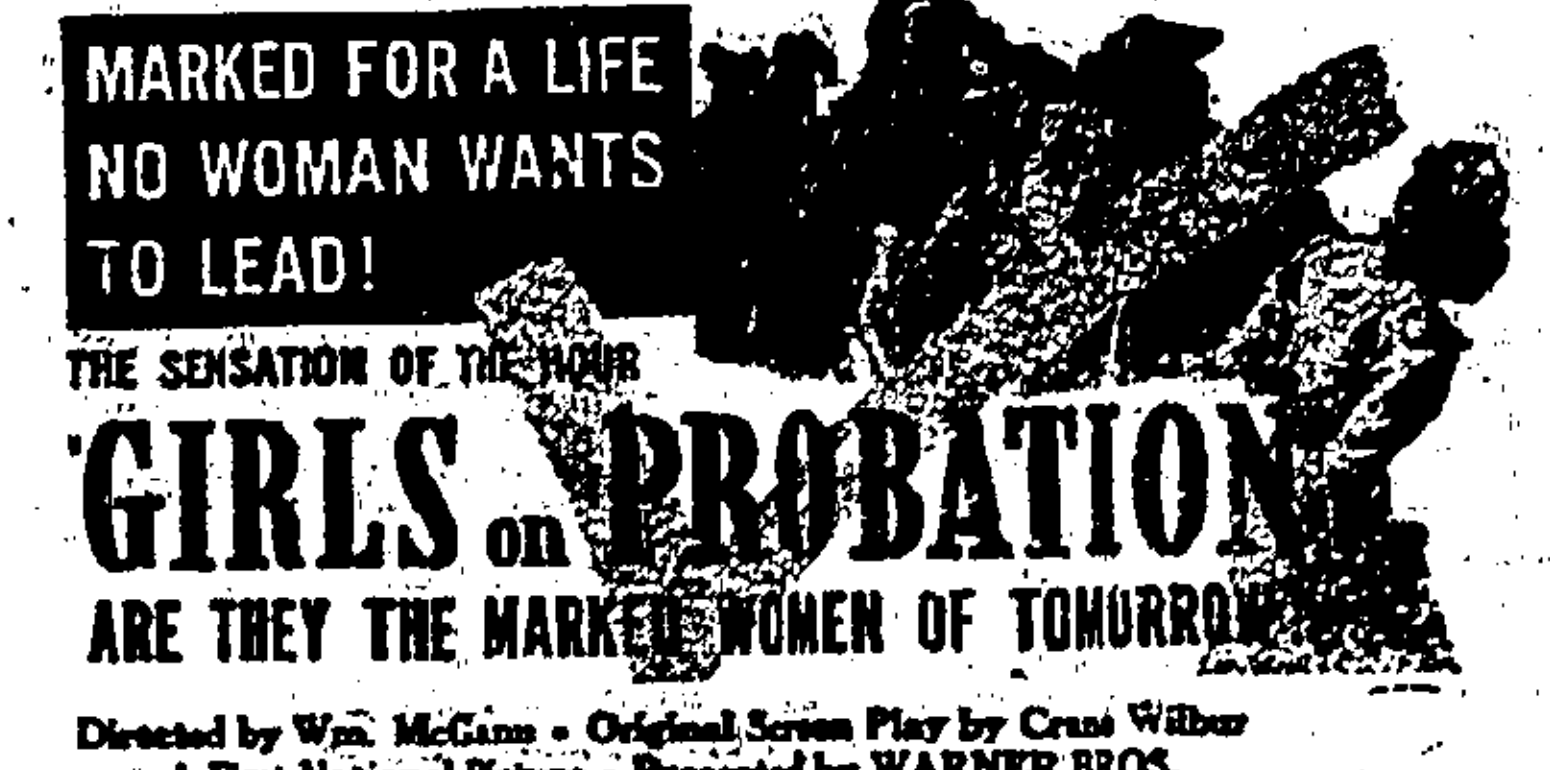
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Latest Dance Music

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Variety with Harold Ramsay, Sam Browne, The Hill Billies and Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.

Cinema Organ - Fabulous Marches

Medley - Intro: The Washington Post; Semper Fidelis; Hungarian March; Rodeo Parade; London Scottish; Gladiator's Farewell - Harold Ramsay, Vocal - Talking Through My Heart (film The Big Broadcast) - Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orch. Vocal - The Hill Billy Band (Al and Bob Harvey); Susanna From Alabama (Ted and Ema) - The Hill Billies with Novelty Accompaniment. Two

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Musical Comedy Selections.

"Careless Rapture" - Music In May (Irish Novelty) - Dorothy Dickson (Soprano) with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. "The Old Diggers of 1933" - Selection - The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall. "The Deck" - Vocal Gems (Youmans)

Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "On Your Feet" - Singing in Tenth Avenue (Hart and Rodgers) - Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Gracie Fields and Arthur Askey in a Programme of Latest Dance Music.

Fox-Trot - You're The Only Star; Waltz - Ain't Cha Comin' Out - Dick Robertson and His Orchestra. Vocal - Wish Me Luck (from "Shipyard Sally") - Gracie Fields with Choir and Orchestra. Fox-Trot - On The Outside Looking In (from "The Little Dog Laughed") - Billy Cotton & His Band. Vocal - The Washing On The Siegfried Line (Kennedy and Carr); Adolf (Mills) - Arthur Askey with Orchestra. Quickstep - The Girl Who Loves A Soldier (from "The Little Dog Laughed") - Jackington and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot - I Poured My Heart Into A Song (Film "Second Fiddle") - An Old-Fashioned Tune Always Is New (Film "Second Fiddle") - Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Robinson Cleaver at the Organ.

Medley - Intro: Ca c'est Paris; Harbour Lights; Massed Bands of the Guards; Boo-Hoo; Little Old Lady of Poverty Street; Red, White and Blue. Musical Sweethearts - Intro: Polly; Dinah; Nola; Dainty Miss; Miss Annabelle Lee; Somebody stole my Gal.

6.13 Light Symphony Orchestra.

Homage March (Haydn Wood); Concert Waltz - Joyousness (Haydn Wood); Mon Rere (Waldteufel); Bal Masque (Fletcher).

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

Chills

G.S.G. 17.7th. (18.8th.)

G.S.B. 8.51th. (11.51th.)

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G.S.O. 15.18th. (19.7th.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I - News Summary - 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin - 8.00 p.m.

Transmission II & III - News Summary - 8.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin - 7.30 p.m.

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da 12.00 mid-night

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SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Mondays - Background to the News - 11.00 p.m.

Tuesdays - Background to the News - 8.15 a.m.

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Cards on the Table - 8.00 p.m.

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11.15 Close down.

COMING EVENTS

JAN.

17 - Tide: High 12.34 a.m. and 2.41 p.m. Low 8 a.m. and 8.35 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.00 a.m.; Sunset: 6 p.m. H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Exhibition of Chinese Photographs etc. by H.K. Frothingham Committee of the C.I.O. at China Emporium, Lawn Bowls: H.E.Y. Team V. Y.S. R.C. at U.R.C. 3.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminion: Lecture by Prof. E. Reifer on "The Science of Language and Politics," 9 p.m.

Cheers Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild, 10 a.m.; Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, 3 p.m.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

Garrison-Sergis Mess. Whist Drive, 9.15 p.m.

S. and S. Home, Methodist Ladies' Mahjongg Drive, 3 p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. Quarterly General Mtg., Wellington Barracks, 6 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. St Andrews, 10 a.m.

18 - Tide: High 1.20 a.m. and 3.25 p.m. Low 8.35 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.01 p.m. Theological Society, 6 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "The Opportunity in Theology."

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning, 10 a.m.; St. John's First Aid Lecture, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive (open to the public).

Cheers Club, Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.

Cheers Championships commence, Gloucester and Peninsula Hotels, 6 - 9 p.m.

H.K. University Arts Assn. presents The Professor from Peking (School performance) in Great Hall, 7 p.m.

R.A.O.B. Club, Annual Gen-Mtg., 8 p.m.

Criminal Sessions open, 10 a.m. Entries close for Macao Races.

Gramophone Recital at Y.M.C.A. by Mr. Way, 8 p.m.

H.K. Hockey Assn. Council Mtg., St. Andrews, 5 p.m.

Cathedral Scouts' Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Vagabond Rotarians, Cafe de Chine, 10 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study, 2.10, Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.

19 - Tide: High 2.43 a.m. and 4.13 p.m. Low 9.04 a.m. and 4.15 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 6.01 p.m. Central British Assn. dance.

Crown Land Sales, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

H.K. University Arts Association presents "The Professor from Peking" in the Great Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminion, S. and S. Home, Jumble Sale, 2.30 p.m.

Cheers Club, Darts, Ping-Pong and Billiards.

H.K. Ladies Hockey Club, Annual Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

20 - H.K.R.A. Shoot.

R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance.

C.B.A. and C.B.S. Reunion Cabaret Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel, 9 p.m.

21 - Panning Hunt and Race Club, Kwantia Races.

First Round of H.K. Golf Club Junior Championship due for completion.

22 - First H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanling.

St. Andrew's Club, Hotch-Potch Evening.

Compulsory Service Tribunal, 4.15 p.m.

23 - Busy Bees Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

24 - H.K.R.A. Shoot.

C.B.A. "Hot" Russian Dinner, 8.30 p.m.

Claims against H.K. Meat & Daily Produce Co. (Insoliquidation) due.

25 - Theological Society, 6 p.m. - Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "Theology within Christianity and all Great Religions."

Hope For Oppressed Jews, Czechs And Austrians

POWER OF ALLIED AIR FORCES

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Of the Jews of the old Reich in Nazi Germany, now only 16 per cent are employed, according to the Manchester Guardian. Fortunately, says the paper, the Central Jewish organization has at least been able to organize relief and the horrors of transportation to the Jewish sector in Poland has not yet been realized in any very large measure. In Vienna, however, many have followed the path to the ghetto or extermination. "WINGS OVER AUSTRIA" Under the heading of "Wings Over Austria," the Manchester Guardian, in another leading article, says that, Saturday's R. A. F. flight brought to the people of Austria and Czechoslovakia a reminder that they are still within range of better neighbours than the Nazis.

NEW HOPE The News Chronicle emphasizes that the flight will bring new hope to Czechs and Austrians, while the Daily Telegraph, calling it the most brilliant survey flight of the war, says that it will come known to the Germans that their frontier cannot shelter them from the air-power of the Allies and that the most remote parts of Greater Germany are not safe when the British and French choose to strike.

ESTONIA APPOINTS LEAGUE DELEGATE

GENEVA, Jan. 16 (Havas).—The Estonian Government has appointed the former Foreign Minister, M. Karl Selver, as the first permanent delegate to the League. The decision has produced an excellent impression, being considered proof that Estonia is maintaining an independent policy.

Supplies For Germany Via Pacific

ALLIES WATCHING ALL POSSIBLE ROUTES

PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The possibilities of the Germans running supplies across the Pacific to Vladivostok and other ports from America under the "Cash and Carry" system is not being lost sight of by the Allied Contraband Control, which is tightening around all kinds of German vessels. As regards Russian oil supplies for Germany, it is understood that one route from Baku lies via the Volga to Moscow, then by canal to Leningrad whence they will reach Germany by sea.

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FEATHER FACTORY CASE SEQUEL: PLAINTIFFS AWARDED \$783.22

Judgment for plaintiff in \$783.22 (being \$1,512.50, less \$729.28) was awarded by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court yesterday in the action in which Kwong Yiu-wah and Kwong Fook-chuen sued Mr. J. S. Gibson, architect, for refund of part of the fees paid to him as architect for plans for the building of a feather factory in Kowloon.

Mr. F. I. Zimmern appeared for the plaintiffs and the defendant was represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan.

When the hearing was resumed in the morning, Mr. Gibson gave evidence. He said he had been an architect in Hongkong for the last 12 years. He had authorised Chau Pak-yuen, a draughtsman in his office, to arrange the fee with plaintiff and to take instructions from the latter. All negotiations regarding the subject matter of this action was done through Chau.

He remembered some time in September last he sent two bills to plaintiffs, one for \$952.62 and the other for \$200. The charges made in the bills were excessive, he admitted, and he had reduced the fee to five-and-half per cent. The \$952.62 represented seven per cent. 75 PER CENT.

Mr. Gibson said that he looked after the building operations until his services were dispensed with on October 5. In his letter to the Building authorities he said that

he had supervised 75 per cent. of the work.

His Lordship: Do you say that figure is correct?—I would not go below 70 per cent.

Kwong Chung-hing, property broker, took the witness stand in the afternoon session. He said he knew Kwong Shek-hing and Chau Pak-yuen. At the end of March he introduced Mr. Gibson to Kwong Shek-hing in connexion with the erection of a certain factory. The cost of this factory was to be between \$10,000 and \$20,000, he had heard Kwong Shek-hing telling Chau.

CAME TO TERMS

The next witness was Chau Pak-yuen, draughtsman employed in Mr. Gibson's office. He knew Kwong Shek-hing, plaintiffs' father. He came to terms with Kwong regarding erection of the factory. The terms were \$200 plus one-and-a-half per cent. to be paid by the contractor. He sketched a rough plan in pencil which was approved by Kwong. Later this was rejected owing to a German firm having pointed out that the building was not high enough to accommodate the machinery.

Kwong told witness that according to the German firm the ground door should be at least 18 feet high. Witness accordingly made another plan. He warned Kwong that the plan for the higher type of building would cost about ten times as much as the original plan.

A REASONABLE FEE

Kwong asked him what the fee would be and he replied, that he would get the work done and charge him a reasonable fee. When the contract for the building was signed the parties had not come to terms as to the architects' fees apart from the one-and-half per cent. payable to the contractor.

Recalled by his Lordship, Mr. Gibson explained why plaintiffs purchased an extra strip of land for a scavenging lane. The Crown Lands Surveyor had advised the owner to buy it in plaintiffs own interest. The extra strip was ten feet wide.

Referring to the question of charges, Mr. Gibson said that the usual fee charged by his office for jobs of this nature was between five and six per cent. but for specialised work, such as a factory, the fee would be more.

THE JUDGMENT

In giving judgment his Lordship said that

(1) He considered the original one-and-a-half per cent. plus \$200 agreement had been superseded when the new type of building was planned.

(2) The question of costs, therefore, was what was a fair charge for the work actually done by the defendant.

(3) The defendant himself did agree, at the third meeting, to take three per cent. That was a reasonable figure but he based the figure in the supposition that he would be paid that percentage on the whole sum of \$27,500.

(4) Plaintiffs were justified in dispensing with defendant's services when it was discovered that he had no authority to fix fees with them and that really he was not the master in his own house.

(5) The defendant was not, therefore, entitled to charge more than the percentage of the value of the building as it stood when the plaintiff dismissed him, as to which his Lordship was prepared to accept Mr. Hazeland's figure of 65 per cent.

(6) The defendant was entitled to charge four per cent. of two-thirds of the contract value, i.e. \$729.28 and judgment for plaintiff for the difference with costs was accordingly awarded as stated.

BROUGHT BEFORE D.O.S. TWICE

After two unemployed men, Chan Lam, 22, and Cheung Man, 25, were bound over when they appeared before Mr. H. J. Cruikshank at the District Court yesterday, on a charge of fighting at Cheung On Street, Tsui Wan district, the first defendant, Chan Lam, was brought into Court again to face a charge of using abusive language towards Detective Onu Kang-fan who had prevented defendant from leaving the Court without signing the bond.

On the second charge, Chan was fined \$5, or, in default, a week's hard labour.

H.K.-BUILT YAWL SAILS FOR MANILA

The 38-foot yawl Elvira, constructed at the Chuen Lee shipyard for Mr. A. Carmelo, Mexican Consul at Manila, sailed yesterday at 4 p.m. for Manila the home port.

Of 11 tons the yawl has comfortable but limited cruising accommodation. A small Gray motor furnishes power for the sailing craft.

Capt. J. H. Peterson, well-known in sailing circles on the China coast, was at the tiller when the Elvira left yesterday.

An American, Mr. Norman Torrey, acted as crew member.

EIGHT DAYS

Capt. Peterson, who has sailed his own boat around world ports, estimates eight days for the voyage to Manila.

Mr. Carmelo will proceed shortly by steamer to Manila and will be on hand to welcome the craft and crew. He will then return to the Colony.

Capt. Peterson, it is understood, will be returning to Hongkong where he will commence construction of an 80-foot junk for private interests. However, this has not been confirmed.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Two Chinese Buried In Tunnel

Buried alive for about 22 hours in a tunnel in Sing Mun, two brothers had a miraculous escape from death.

On Sunday afternoon Wong Choi and his elder brother, Wong Sau, entered a tunnel which had been constructed in connexion with the work in the Sing Mun Dam, and when they reached the closed end, the earth at the entrance collapsed and they were forced to remain there.

Some time afterwards the villagers, alarmed at their absence started out to locate them and late on Monday night effected the rescue.

AVIATION SCHOOL FOR MACAO: PROVISION MADE IN BUDGET FOR 1940

OVER \$700,000 INCREASE ON LAST YEAR

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PREVIOUS FIGURES

The previous budget figures were as follows:—

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SOURCES OF INCOME

Major receipts are expected from Government establishments and undertakings, which are set out at \$4,771,157.66, which is only slightly above last year's figure for the same item, while Imposts, Taxes and Industries also feature prominently among the earnings mediums.

Impost receipts are derived mainly from the following products:—Foreign and Chinese wines, fire-crackers, gasoline, petroleum, tobacco, quarrying, cement, coffee, bricks and matches. The opium business will bring in a revenue of \$700,000.

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ALLEGATION OF ASSAULT BY POLICE

FIVE MEN SENT TO SESSIONS

Appearing on remand before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday charged with robbery, five men, Wong Wai, Yiu Lam, Cheng Tai, Cheung Wut and Kwong Chek, were committed to the Criminal Sessions.

An aged woman, named Ngai Sheung, who was charged with receiving stolen property, was bound over in a sum of \$250 for one year. The bond was signed by her daughter, Kwong Chau.

The five men were arrested by police in connexion with a robbery committed at No. 56, Belchers Street on December 30.

Making statements from the dock, Wong Wai, Yiu Lam and Kwong Chek denied that they had any connexion with the robbery. They told the Court that they were forced to admit the crime in the detectives' room where they were assaulted by the police.

Cheung Wut said he went to commit the robbery with Cheng Tai and two others. The remainder of the defendants were not responsible for the crime and they were strangers to him.

Chinese Red Cross Parley Adjourned

After a two-day session, the 23rd joint conference of the executives and supervisors of the China Red Cross Society was adjourned on Monday.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Among the important resolutions passed were the increase of the operating funds for the Medical Service, adoption of the administrative scheme for the 29th fiscal year, strengthening of all Red Cross branch societies, and support of the principles outlined by the International Red Cross for the protection of civilians.

Mr. Kuo Lan-ching was appointed acting Secretary-General, succeeding Mr. Pang Ching-chow, who has resigned.

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CONTROL OF RICE PRICES IN MACAO

From Our Own Correspondent MACAO, Jan. 15.—Control of rice prices was established in the Colony last week through an order issued by the Police Department and signed by the Commissioner, Lt. J. Montalvo Silva, fixing the maximum limits per picul as follows:—Siam Rice: \$3.90, \$7.80 and \$6.80; Saigon Rice: \$7.90, \$6.50 and \$5.90.

Instructive Film Shown To Rotarians

An instructive miniature film depicting the construction and assembly of a large turbo-alternator unit, such as installed by the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., was shown to members of the Rotary Club at their weekly dinner at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday by Mr. F. C. Clemo.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Major R. D. Walker, vice-president of the Club, was in the chair and welcomed Rotarians P. A. Morawetz (Bangkok), Fred C. Sze (Shanghai), J. M. Hansen (Nanking), and Juneo Tambo (Yokohama) and the following guests:—Capt. N. J. Asquith, Capt. W. J. Scotcher, Capt. E. M. Thursby, Messrs. Chen Shun-yui, T. Y. Li, W. Bastin, N. Murray, E. J. Lacey, F. J. L. Clemo, H. J. Pearce, G. Buchanan, W. G. Schnabel, H. G. Sheldon, H. M. Howell and S. E. Faber.

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE

Because of contradictory evidence by witnesses of the prosecution, Cheung Kam-chiu, 18, and Wong Kam, 28, who appeared on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday, charged with intimidation, were both dismissed.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defendants.

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11 DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX AND 88 FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Eleven death from small-pox and 88 deaths from tuberculosis occurred in the Colony for the week ending Jan. 13, according to returns furnished by the Health Department.

During the week 20 cases of small-pox and 152 cases of tuberculosis (2 imported) were notified. Other returning include two cases of scarlet fever (no deaths), 4 deaths from dysentery (9 notified), 3 deaths from enteric fever (10 notified), 2 deaths from diphtheria (6 notified), 2 deaths from chicken-pox (13 notified—3 imported) and 2 deaths from cerebro-spinal fever (7 notified—one imported).

JAN. 15 RETURNS

On Jan. 15, 45 cases of tuberculosis, two cases of small-pox, two cases of diphtheria, four cases of enteric fever, five cases of cerebro-spinal fever, two cases of dysentery and one case of chicken-pox were notified to the Health authorities.

TWO WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

At the Supreme Court Registry yesterday the following marriages took place.

Mr. Ng Fat Ting, merchant, 88 Nanchang Street, first floor, Shamshuipo and Miss Leung Kwa Tan, 23 Pei Ho Street, first floor Shamshuipo.

Mr. Chor Sik-him, 4 Granville Road, second floor, and Miss Polly Lee, 731, Nathan Road second floor, Kowloon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following notices of forthcoming marriages were given:—

Mr. Raymond Hau Chang-kong, Deacon, 48, Nga Nin Long Road, ground floor, Kowloon City, and Miss Lydia Lih Di Tong, teacher, of the same address.

Mr. William Morley Wright, Marine Surveyor, 1, Leighton Hill Road, Hongkong and Miss Lillian Reid Sinclair, teacher, 8, East Lawrence, Buckhaven, Fife, Scotland.

Mr. Oscar L. Chance, merchant, 160 Sai Yeung Choi Street, second floor and Miss M. Lum, of the same address.

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DROVE CAR WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE OF DRINK

A maximum fine of \$250 was imposed on Zia Val-fah, alias Sha Tio-heng, 32, residing at No. 50, Morrison Hill Road, when he was charged before Mr. R. Edwards, at the Central Court yesterday, and pleaded guilty to driving a motor car while under the influence of drink at Connaught Road Central, on Friday night.

A COLLISION
Insp. Saunders said that the defendant was driving eastward along Connaught Road and, when approaching the Hongkong Club, collided with a stationary vehicle, causing damage to both cars. When he finally brought his car to a stop, defendant was only a few feet away from a further disaster of sending his car into the sea.

The accident was witnessed by a constable, who summoned a traffic officer. When a Traffic Sergeant arrived shortly afterwards the defendant was found sound asleep in the back seat. He was then taken to the Queen Mary Hospital for examination and was found to be under the influence of drink.

PLEADS GUILTY

Pleading guilty, Zia said that when he took the wheel he was sensible. He had only a few drinks and thought he "could take it."

REFUGEES AND DESTITUTES IN THE COLONY

There was a slight increase in the number of refugees and destitutes in the Colony accommodated in Government camps, etc., in Urban and Rural Areas for the week ending Jan. 13.

Urban Areas (Civilians):

King's Park, 1,329 against 1,333 on Jan. 6.

Ma Tau Chung, 1,147 against 1,130 on Jan. 6.

North Point, 1,452 against 1,436 on Jan. 6.

Urban Areas (Soldiers):

In Hospital, 25 against 12 on Jan. 6.

Rural Areas:

Kam Tin, 1,951 against 1,917 on Jan. 6.

San Uk Ling, 599 against 608 on Jan. 6.

Gills Cutting, 338 against 343 on Jan. 6.

Total: 7,511 against 7,495 on Jan. 6.

CULPRIT CHASED, CAUGHT

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Hai Ming-sang, 23, native of Shanghai, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday to the theft of a handbag, containing the sum of \$55.33, from Kwan Ling, married woman, near the Chartered Bank.

Mr. Gifford, a passer-by, gave chase and arrested the man.

Hai was also recommended for banishment.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R.
PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of Jan. 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Area in Acres	Upset Price
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4	103	Castle Peak	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	1	500
5	104	Castle Peak	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	1	500
6	105	Castle Peak	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	1	500
7	106	Castle Peak	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	1	500
8	107	Castle Peak	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	1	500
9	108	Castle Peak	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	1	500
10	109	Castle Peak	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1	1	500

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DAVID L. MEEK.

NOTICE is hereby given that ANATOLE NICHOLAS ZAVADSKY, commonly known as ANATOLE NICHOLAS TONOFF, of No. 1, Middle Road, Ground Floor, Kowloon, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send in a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary.

ENGAGEMENT
TOEG-MOSES—The engagement is announced of Ezekiel Toeg, son of the late A. A. Toeg and Mrs. A. T. Toeg and Winifred Diana Moses, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moses of Shanghai.

DEATHS
NICHOLSON—On December 10, 1939, at Kirkcaldy, Scotland, Gordon Nicholson, aged 42, late Chinese Maritime Customs.
SKENAZI—On January 11, 1940, at her residence, 342, Route Cohen, Shanghai, Mrs. Sarah Skenazi Halm, aged 71.

YICHENG ATTACK
LOYANG Jan. 16 (Central)—Under the cover of an artillery barrage Japanese units attacked Nantun near Yicheng in south Shansi last week-end, but were repulsed.

Near Henglingkwan, east of Heiltsien, the Chinese took the offensive and put the Japanese there to flight.

Owing to serious losses recently the Japanese at Changshih and Changtze in southeast Shansi are bringing in reinforcements. Extensive Japanese troops movement is reported along the Peking highway.

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GERMANY AND
MOTORISED WAR

(CONTRIBUTED)

THE SPECTACULAR SUCCESS of the German armed forces in Poland was rightly regarded as a triumph for the new motorised methods of war.

THE AIR FORCE rapidly won control of the air, and by bombing lines of communication and transport centres prevented the Polish General Staff from completing the mobilisation of reserves.

MECHANISED DIVISIONS of tanks and motor-carried troops pressed on at tremendous pace, occupying key points and effectively preventing resistance. The whole campaign was finished in a month.

IS THERE any likelihood that the Germans will repeat this success in an offensive against the West?

THAT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE and the German mechanised forces are formidable is agreed by everyone, but the German air strength is certainly not superior to the Allied air strength, and the Allied land fortifications are amply strong enough to hold up a massed attack of tanks, however impressive in numbers the attack may be. In the long run, moreover, Germany must be at a greater disadvantage in motorised warfare than she would suffer in old-fashioned warfare in which the weight of man-power was decisive.

WHERE DO these disadvantages appear? The chief of them comes from the need for petrol.

IN 1936, the Deutsche Wehr, the organ of the Nazi wing of the German General Staff, estimated that the petrol and oil requirements of the Army alone would be 5,500,000 tons a year in wartime. If to this is added the amounts required for the Air Force, the U-boats and raiders, and ordinary civil transport, we find that in wartime Germany requires between twice and thrice as much as she consumes in peacetime.

NOW MOST OF HER PEACE-TIME SOURCES of supply are cut off. Rumania and Russia have large enough export surpluses to satisfy Germany's requirements. But will they be willing entirely to devote their resources to Germany? Russia controls the Rumanian frontier, so that Germany will not be able to take the Rumanian oil wells by force. In any case, even if Rumania and Russia are willing, and if Germany can pay them, the Germans will have to create transport facilities for carrying the oil to Germany—and that will represent a further burden upon the already over-weighted German transport system.

RUBBER is another serious weakness. The German High Command must expect tremendous destruction of motor vehicles, as lines of communication are under continuous fire. Already Field Marshal Goering has commandeered the tyres of all motor vehicles which are not directly required for national service.

THE SAME APPLIES to a greater or less extent to iron ore, non-ferrous metals and textile materials, all of which are vitally necessary for the operation of a mechanised Army and Air Force, and in

Interporter
To Marry

MR. AHMAD MADAR
AND MISS A. ISMAIL

BY "E. U. ROPES"

Local sportsmen in general, and cricketers in particular, will extend their heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. H. ("Professor") Madar, on his forthcoming wedding to Miss Haseena Ismail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Ismail, of Moreton Terrace.

Mr. Madar is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Madar, and a grandson of the late Mr. A. F. Ar-cull who, up till the time of his death in 1920, was head of the local Indian community.

One of the most popular members of the Indian Recreation Club, Mr. Madar has played cricket for the Sookun-poo team regularly since 1923 and for the past ten years or so has been the mainstay of the I.R.C. 1st XI, both in batting and bowling.

INTERPORT HONOURS

He represented Hongkong against Shanghai in the Interport cricket series, gaining his first cap in 1932 when he practically won the match for Hongkong with a brilliant defensive innings in the second innings for 39 runs. He was associated in a gallant partnership with Gordon Burnett after the rest of the team had failed on one of the worst wickets in the history of the Interport games. He was again capped in 1934, 1935 and 1936.

Mr. Madar has also represented the Indian R.C. in the First Division of the Tennis League and has taken part in the Colony Tennis Championships. He was a member of the Club's lawn bowls team that won the Second Division Championship some seasons ago. The wedding has been arranged to take place on Thursday, February 1, 1940, and the reception will be held at the Indian Recreation Club.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHUMCHUN RURAL
WELFARE CENTRE
PRODUCE

(To the Editor, Hongkong Daily Press)

Sir, The production of garden vegetables at the Refugee Farm has reached a point where supplies are being brought to the city daily. Our list includes tomatoes, carrots, beet, lettuce, all of which are specially grown for salads, only sanitary fertiliser being used. Brussels sprouts and broccoli are also available and they are entirely new crops for Hongkong. Within the fortnight cauliflower, savoy and red cabbage, sweet corn, beans and peas of different sorts will be ready for the public. These vegetables are all priced reasonably and carry our guarantee that they are hygienically wholesome.

We would like your readers to avail themselves of this opportunity by phoning their orders to 25621, or writing to The Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre, Room 329, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Rd. Central.

Yours faithfully,
EMILY KO
Assistant Secretary

none of which Germany is self-sufficient.

IN THE PERSONNEL for motorised warfare, moreover, Germany is at a serious disadvantage. A man who can drive a motor vehicle already—or, better still, a man who knows the workings of the internal combustion engine—is much easier to train for mechanised warfare than the man who cannot. Both Britain and France are in this tremendously superior to Germany.

AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, there were 2,542,000 motor vehicles in use in Britain and 2,461,000 in use in France, compared with 1,773,000 in Greater Germany. That is, in Britain and France there is one motor-vehicle for every 19 of the population, whereas in Germany there is one for every 44.

IN PRODUCTION, again, the Allies outnumber Germany by two to one. If the Dominions are taken into account, moreover, the superiority is even greater.



Picture taken after the wedding at the Union Church on Monday between Miss Joan Langley, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Langley and Lieut. John Hudson Gordon, of H.M.S. Pandora.

U.S. BUILDING
GIANT BOMBER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Havas)—It is reliably learnt that the Douglas Aircraft Corporation is at present building a revolutionary type bomber, weighing over 70 tons.

The wing-span is 180 feet and the radius of action 10,000 miles.

Several attempts made to steal the plans of this giant machine were stopped by G-Men.

CHINA WAR
NEWS

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ENCIRCLING MOVE

The Chinese encircling attack at Tungcheng in South Hupen is unrelaxed. Walposhan, a suburban hill, has been captured by the Chinese. The Japanese have launched several counter-attacks without success.

The Japanese at Shatuei, north-east of Tungcheng, attacked Tounishan, a hill east of the city, the day before yesterday. After a day-long engagement, they were driven back.

HOUSES ON FIRE

KWEILIN, Jan. 16 (Central)—Two-thousand Japanese troops from Yoyang and Linsiang attacked Tsingshan on Sunday. They failed to dislodge the Chinese after 24 hours' fighting, and set fire to over 300 civilian houses.

LIGHTNING RAID

SOMEWHERE IN SHANTUNG, Jan. 16 (Central)—In a lightning attack, the Chinese broke into Shushui, in East Shantung, last week.

The Japanese, cornered at the southeastern part of the town, suffered serious losses. Japanese reinforcements rushing from Ishui, south of Shushui, were intercepted.

JAPANESE DEFEAT

CHENGCHOW, Jan. 16 (Central)—The Japanese made an abortive sortie southwest of Tsin-yang, on the north bank of the Yellow River in North Honan, last week, sustaining over 200 casualties.

LARGER BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—It is learned authoritatively that funds for the construction of four 45,000-ton battleships will be withheld until proof is furnished why they should be abandoned in favour of larger ships, according to the instructions of the House of Representatives Naval Appropriations Sub-Committee.

SECURITY ZONE
NECESSARY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—President Vargas, inaugurating the work of the Panamanian Inter-American Neutrality Committee, said that the security zone, as established at the Panama Conference, was necessary to prevent interference with free communications on American sea routes.

"We must defend the principles of freedom of trade, at least as regards goods intended for peace industries and vital necessities of the civil population," he declared.

URBAN COUNCIL
DISCUSSION

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Mr. Carle said that he supported the suggestion made by the Director of Medical Services that Government should be asked to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance No. 40 of 1932 to make it an offence if any one spits in a public place except in a drain or water channel, or spits in a public building except in a spittoon, urinal or lavatory.

He would like to qualify the term "public building" by adding the words "to which the public has access" which would include the corridors and entrances to many buildings.

"I feel that we should still stress that admonition and education is what we aim at more than actual punishment of offenders," said Mr. Carle. "Only in the case of open defiance after a warning has been given should police court proceedings take place."

STRONGEST WEAPON

Education still remained the strongest weapon, continued Mr. Carle, who favoured further propaganda. He said he had ordered tin plates bearing slogans which could be displayed at public places and thought that distribution of pamphlets, such as was done in 1922-23 when 150,000 were distributed, should again be undertaken. The pamphlets could be distributed at house cleaning time. In order to reach the more illiterate of the population, street lectures would also be useful, said Mr. Carle.

Dr. N. C. MacLeod, Deputy Director of Health Services, said that in dealing with tuberculosis a certain amount of segregation was necessary, and the Colony should have a sanatorium or, better still, a colony where those affected by the disease could be treated according to the seriousness of the cases.

"We must try to arouse public interest in Hongkong in the matter of providing some form of accommodation for the poor, unfortunate people suffering from the disease and who are, at the same time, spreading it," Dr. MacLeod suggested.

An appeal should be made to the wealthy citizens of the Colony. The lack of ventilation in certain factories and workshops which he had visited was also commented upon by Dr. MacLeod, who stated that the Council should in future be more stringent in granting licences.

PROPAGANDA IMPORTANT

The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam said that the Chinese members of the Council would give the proposed legislation their support, but like their predecessors, they felt that education and propaganda were important, and he hoped the good work being done by the medical authorities by means of the radio and the press would be continued.

Dr. S. N. Chan suggested that the medical authorities institute a T. B. clinic in the Colony where early cases of the disease could be treated and from where district nurses could be sent out to investigate and report on the health of people in various areas.

The Council then unanimously approved of the motion that a recommendation should be made to the Government to amend by the addition of paragraph 1A Section 3 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, No. 40 of 1932 which provides for a fine not exceeding \$250 on any person who without lawful authority or excuse spits in a public place except in a drain or water channel, or in a public building or other building to which the public has access except in a spittoon, urinal or lavatory.

IN THIS MATTER, the Chairman

Fourth Successive Day Of
Air Raids Over Finland:
2,000 Bombs In One Week

HELSINKI, JAN. 16 (REUTER)—FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE DAY, SOVIET PLANES HAVE BEEN RAINING BOMBS ON TOWNS IN SOUTHERN FINLAND, BUT THE MORALE OF THE FINNS IS UNAFFECTED.

Helsinki had two alarms yesterday and the Officer Commanding the Air Defence issued a statement declaring that the enemy, having suffered severe reverses on the front, tried to avenge their defeat on the population. They made no attempt, as a rule to seek targets of military importance, but dropped bombs in localities of small military significance.

During the week, the enemy dropped upwards of 2,000 bombs on forty-two separate localities outside the war zone and succeeded in killing eighteen civilians, mostly women. The majority of casualties belonged to the working class.

R.A.F. BOMBER
CRASHES: CREW
ESCAPE UNHURT

LONDON, Jan. 16 (BWS)—The crew of an R.A.F. bomber escaped injury yesterday, when their machine crashed near a forestry, but, on failing to take off, the crew were able to jump out before the crash, and, although the bombs on the machine exploded, with an impact shaking houses for over six miles, the R.A.F. men were unhurt.

Three hospitals were bombed and solitary pedestrians and vehicles on the roads continue to be machine-gunned.

Noted of the Finnish land lines of communication were threatened and traffic was nowhere seriously interrupted.

The number of Soviet planes destroyed and shot down during the week is well above the number of Finnish civilians killed.

BUILDINGS ON FIRE

Vipuris (Viborg) had the worst bombing of the war yesterday afternoon, when many buildings were set on fire and all the shop fronts in one street were blown away. Twenty-two bombers participated in the raid.

SMALL CASUALTIES

HELSINKI, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—A communiqué says that on Jan. 14, the home area as well as the war zone experienced numerous air raids and mentions that of many towns bombed, Vaasa suffered the most since eight civilians, including women and children, were killed and many wounded.

MORE HELP NEEDED

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—"Finland must have more help from abroad if she is to counter Soviet superiority in the air," a Finnish legation spokesman told Reuter yesterday.

The partially cloudy weather of the last three days had enabled Russian bombers to approach their objectives and in this way twenty-seven districts were bombed. In the course of one attack, 400 planes participated and dropped over 1,000 bombs.

The Russians, he said, were using the aerial pincer movement. They were using their new bases in Estonia in order to make raids on the west coast and their air ports along the eastern frontier were used to cover the rest of the country.

MORALE UNBROKEN

"Finland cannot counter this advantage, her chief air bases being on the south coast, behind the Karelian Isthmus defences," declared the spokesman.

"Despite the constant strafing from the air, the morale of the

Finns is unbroken, but it will be tragic if the world thought Finland's great successes on the land meant that she is winning the war.

"The Finns realised well that such successes were only local successes."

"Great masses of Russians are still being brought into play and furthermore, the Russians dominated the skies with their bombers."

"Finland must have more fighters. Her fate depended on her securing more help from the air and she appealed to the whole world to help her counter Russia's strength."

HELP FOR FINNS

GENEVA, Jan. 16 (Havas)—Replying to the League of Nations appeal for Finland, Iraq has declared that she is ready to grant moral assistance to Finland and regrets that her economic situation prevents the granting of material help.

Ireland announced that she is placing £1,000 at the disposal of the Finnish Red Cross.

EIGHT AREAS BOMBED

HELSINKI, Jan. 16 (Reuter)—It is officially stated that 80 Soviet planes bombed eight areas in Finland yesterday. At least 600 bombs were dropped. Three persons were killed, all at Vipuri and 50 injured.

It is pointed out that the proportion of bombs to casualties is more than 10 to one. It is added that the bombers descended from the clouds at certain points and used their machine-guns.

Many civilians were injured, but hitherto no deaths are announced.

Governor, Lady Northcote
Visit Boys' And Girls' Clubs:
An Appeal For Premises

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote spent nearly two hours yesterday evening visiting some of the clubs organised by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, and appeared to be greatly impressed by the results already achieved.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote, who were accompanied by Capt. Batty-Smith, visited the clubs in Connaught Road, Hospital Road, Bonham Road and the girls' club in Pokfulam Road.

They were escorted by Bishop Ronald Hall, President of the Association, Sir Robert Kotewall, Vice-President, Mr. J. Middleton Smith, organising secretary and the Rev. A. P. Rose, corresponding secretary.

At the Bonham Road club, opposite the Hongkong University, the boys gave an exhibition of gymnastics which evoked much applause. This club is managed by members of St. Stephen's Church and St. John's Hall of the University.

HANDIWORK OF BOYS

At the Connaught Road club, His Excellency had the opportunity of seeing some of the handiwork of the boys, who also sang songs and played various games. The flat has been generously given to the Association free of rent by Mr. Eu Tong-sen, whilst Mr. Tang Shiu-kin presented the furniture.

Both were present yesterday to receive His Excellency, whilst Mr. Thomas Le C. Kuen, well-known accountant, who is keenly interested in the movement, explained the various activities to the distinguished visitors.

At the Pokfulam Road centre, which is cared for by members of the Young Women's Industrial Girls' Clubs, gave the visitors considerable delight.

The problem which the Association is facing is in the securing of convenient and suitable premises. In order that the fine work which is being done shall not be restricted and handicapped, the officials of the Association hope that public-spirited members of the community will respond readily to their appeal for premises.

NAZI OFFENSIVE ON LOWLANDS PLANNED FOR JANUARY

Complete Solidarity Between Belgium And Holland

STOCKHOLM, JAN. 16 (REUTERS)—IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY INFORMATION IN BERLIN TO SHOW WHETHER THE BELGO-DUTCH DEFENCE MEASURES ARE REALLY JUSTIFIED BY GERMAN THREATS, STATES THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE DAGBLADT.

Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive has been planned for this month.

It is unlikely that the offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality, but events might lead to this.

GENERAL PLAN OF NAZI ACTION

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Havas)—Political circles consider the present German threat against Holland a serious one, although possibly only a manifestation of the war of nerves, information from Germany, possibly voluntarily given out by the German General Staff, indicates that an attack against Holland was prepared for Jan. 17 and later on postponed to Jan. 25.

Simultaneously, German troop concentrations in the vicinity of Luxembourg and North-Eastern France have led to the belief that the German General Staff has drawn up the following plan:

Strong action against the narrow French front in order to hamper the transportation of French and British troops to the north.

The second phase will be an attack against Belgium in the general direction of Ostend and the third phase the invasion of Holland, hoping for a very rapid success, since the Allied and Belgian troops will be occupied elsewhere.

NAZI HOPES

Thus, Germany hopes to gain bases for a huge air and submarine campaign against Britain, which is apparently all that is left of the German war plans.

While such an attack is possible, it seems strange that Germany should multiply her threats, giving Holland and Belgium time to take all necessary measures.

This is why observers express the opinion that Germany is at present only waging her war of nerves and hopes the moment will come when Belgium and Holland will be financially and morally tired of the constant tension and will relax their measures and precaution. Then Germany would strike.

BELGIUM WARNED BY NEUTRAL

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—It is difficult to attribute the anxiety in Holland and Belgium to any single incident, writes The Times military correspondent. It has arisen rather out of an accumulation of evidence pointing to the possibility, though by no means certain, that Germany entertains hostile intentions against them.

The Belgians appear to have received a warning from a neutral source that a critical period might be approaching, but it may be said that their measures for increased mobilisation and the suspension of military leave are precautionary only.

It can be said with confidence that both countries are better prepared than they were last November, but their view appears to be that the future depends on factors outside, and more important than, their own defensive measures.

NAZI ERRORS

Germany has made some errors since last summer of which the biggest was the belief that Britain and France would not fight for Poland or would resign themselves to the acceptance of a fait accompli once Poland was overrun.

If she now entertained the notion that the Allies would hesitate to initiate bombing attacks against communications in the event of a move against Belgium and Holland, she might be disposed to try her fortune there. Otherwise it is considered that she is likely to do so only if in a mood of desperation, because, rightly or wrongly, these close observers believe she desires to put off competition in bombing as long as possible.

Au Kwong, 33, food stall hawker, appeared on remand before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday charged with assault on a police officer, Ganga Singh. The hearing was adjourned to today.

The intense cold improves the possibilities of action in the flooded low countries. The only object of an immediate German offensive will be how to end the war very quickly.

Soldiers of units visited by Herr Hitler at Christmas have written home to the effect that Herr Hitler told his troops that the war would be over by spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier is no longer a military secret.

AMSTERDAM, January 16 (Reuters)—The Dutch military authorities continued to check over the country's defence preparations yesterday, but no measure were announced.

"Holland is prepared for anything, but it must not be assumed that there is any imminent danger at the moment," Reuter was told in The Hague.

HOLLAND REMAINS CALM

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16 (Havas)—Despite the political tension, the population remains calm and one incident only took place in the capital when some unknown persons broke the windowpanes of the German Official Tourist Office, on the Calvestraat Amsterdam's busiest thoroughfare.

The provinces are calm and apparently the precautionary measures have been somewhat relaxed, notably in Limburg.

The only noticeable signs of uneasiness are the crowds gathering around news stands which prominently display papers carrying pictures of the inundated districts. Official sources favour such display, which shows the population how difficult an invasion of the country would be.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

There has been little development in the situation since yesterday. Intensive movements of German troops continue to be reported from across the frontier, but, according to usually well-informed sources, the concentrations are much bigger opposite Belgium than opposite Holland.

Political quarters here have the impression that Belgium is playing the leading role in this particular crisis.

Rumours of a Belgo-Dutch Military Alliance are discounted in The Hague and it is pointed out that the position of the two countries is very different. Were Holland invaded, it might be important that Belgium should enter the war, but if Belgium is invaded, it might be far more advantageous to Belgium to have Holland neutral.

CONTINUAL TOUCH

Meanwhile, the Dutch and Belgian Governments are in continual touch with each other.

The Dutch papers are dealing with the situation more fully than they did last November and the population is noticeably less nervous, but crowds are gathered at the news stalls, where the British and French newspapers are displayed, and gravely discussed the London and Paris versions of the situation, which are much more alarming than the accounts published here.

Unknown persons yesterday smashed the windows of the German Travel Bureau in one of Amsterdam's main streets.

CALMLY VIGILANT

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—While the situation continues to be easier last night, Belgium's attitude is described as calmly vigilant.

Political circles state that it is unlikely that Phase D will be changed and also that it is unlikely that there will be a return to Phase C unless there is a great change in the international situation.

It is understood that the reason for the measures taken at the week-end were not due to the discovery of plans on the German aeroplane, which made a forced landing, but to political and military information received in Brussels.

FULL SOLIDARITY

ROME, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—It is understood that the former Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, told Count Ciano and other leading Italian last week that complete solidarity existed between Belgium and Holland and that an attack on one would mean an attack on the other.

Several Dutchmen in Rome have packed up and are to return at a moment's notice, although they are not liable for service.

A message from Paris states that the French Premier, M. Daladier, saw the Belgian Ambassador yesterday. He also saw Gen. Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces.

NAZI CHARGE

BERLIN, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—The Official German News Agency states that the British and French Governments "deliberately passed on information" to Amsterdam and Brussels to induce the Netherlands and the Belgian Governments to carry out the precautionary measures they have taken.

AUDIENCES BY KING

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—The King continued, well-informed circles say it would be premature to state that the situation is bound to return to normal.

King Leopold received M. Pierlot yesterday afternoon and M. Pierlot also interviewed M. Spaak, who afterwards saw the Defence Minister.

Restrictions for closing the hours of cafes were removed yesterday.

U.S. ANXIETY

DUBLIN, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—Mr. Cudahy, U. S. Minister to Eire, left Dublin, unexpectedly last night to take up a new position as U. S. Ambassador in Brussels, to which he was appointed a few days ago.

Nazi Submarine Torpedoes Dutch Steamer In Bay Of Biscay: Great Indignation In Holland

Crew Of Sixty-Five Saved: Cargo Of Neutral Goods

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—The Dutch steamer, Arendskerck (800 tons), bound for South Africa from Antwerp, was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay, 100 miles off Ushant, and sank immediately.

The Italian steamer Fedora saved all the occupants, her crew of 65. There were no passengers.

Captain Wilmer, of the Arendskerck, telegraphed to his company, the United Netherlands Company of The Hague, that his ship was torpedoed after being searched.

Of the crew, 25 were Europeans, the remainder being British Indians.

The vessel was carrying 4,000 tons of cargo, consisting of neutral pig-iron.

There was very great indignation in Dutch shipping circles when the first news arrived and further details are being awaited before any definite opinion is officially voiced.

WANTON OUTRAGE

LONDON, Jan. 16 (BWS)—The sinking of the Netherlands steamer Arendskerck (7,900 tons) by a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay, 100 miles off Ushant, is related, by some commentators, to the tension which, although somewhat relaxed, still persists in the low countries owing to the threatening situation on the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

CANCELLATION OF LEAVE FOR B.E.F. & R.A.F.

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—The military measures taken by Belgium and Holland and the temporary cancellation of leave in the B.E.F. continue to be the subject of much comment in Britain and other parts of the world.

No further statement has been made about the cancellation of leave for the B.E.F., but well-informed circles in London point out that the situation created over the week-end seems to have been similar to that of last November when the low countries were threatened by an invasion from Germany.

AIR FORCES TOO

A message from Reuter's special correspondent with the British Air Forces in France states that it was officially announced that, for the time being, leave for the British Air Forces in France have been cancelled. This does not affect those at present on leave, who will return in the normal time.

Belgo-Dutch Crisis Dying Down

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—For the second time in 48 hours Holland flatly denied Germany's allegations in connexion with the crisis which began over the week-end.

All papers quote authoritative sources for the denial that Belgium and Holland decided to stop Army leave following information received from the British and French Governments.

Meanwhile, there is every sign that the crisis is dying down.

According to the Dutch press, diplomatic circles in Berlin regard the situation as in no way critical for Holland or Belgium or warranting any uneasiness on their part.

The German suggestions that Britain and France were the instigators of the recent measures in Holland and Belgium are denied at The Hague where it is semi-officially added: "The Netherlands Government is accustomed to consider the international situation on the basis of information, the origin and reliability of which can be checked by themselves."

It is believed in Dublin that his sudden departure was due to the international situation and the desire of the U. S. Government that their representative should be in Belgium immediately to look after American interests there.

WESTERN FRONT

Shells Fall In Luxemburg

LONG-RANGE NAZI GUNS IN ACTION

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—In Luxemburg yesterday morning, a shell struck a hotel during violent artillery action on the Western Front. Three houses were hit and several windows broken by shell fragments, but no one was hurt.

SEVERAL SHELLS

According to the Luxemburg press several shells landed in Luxemburg on Sunday. One shell hit a high-tension transformer, causing an electrical breakdown. It is not yet known where the shells came from.

LONG-RANGE GUNS

PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—The Nazis are reported to have brought long-range guns into action on the Western Front, near Luxemburg, and civilians have been evacuated from some of the French villages ten miles behind the front lines.

A War Communique states that there was activity by patrols and artillery, with local encounters between reconnaissance units.

JAPANESE CABINET WELCOMED IN FRANCE

Special to the H.K. Daily Press PARIS, Jan. 16 (Havas)—The press generally welcome the new Japanese Government under Admiral M. Yonai.

The Petit Journal quotes that both Minseio and Seiyukai Parties are supporting the new Government which thus represents the majority of Japanese opinion.

Admiral Yonai will be able to assume authority and prepare the financial plans necessary to stabilise a situation already gravely compromised by the Chinese war.


SWEDISH PROTEST

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—It is learned that the Swedish Government has instructed its Minister in Moscow to protest to the Soviet Government against the incident on Sunday when planes flew over Swedish territory and dropped bombs.

It is believed that the planes, being in difficulty in snowstorm, may have unloaded the bombs to lighten their loads.



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Japanese troops have evacuated Pakiangow and Yuantan on Canton-Hankow Railway and Shengkang to the east, which are now occupied by Chinese forces. (International).


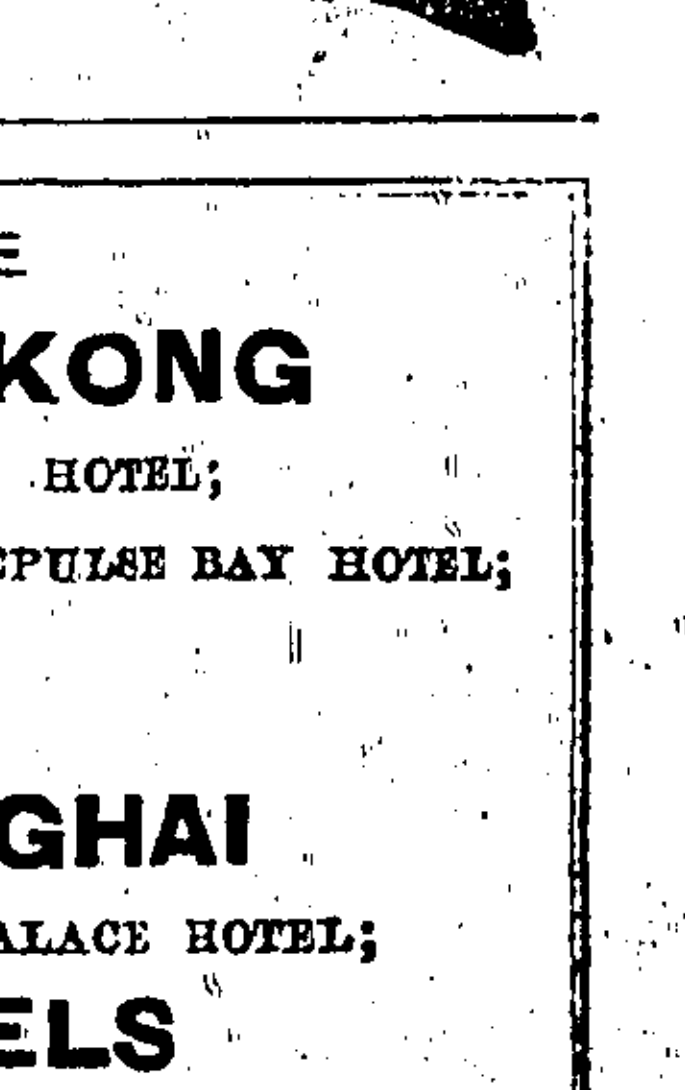


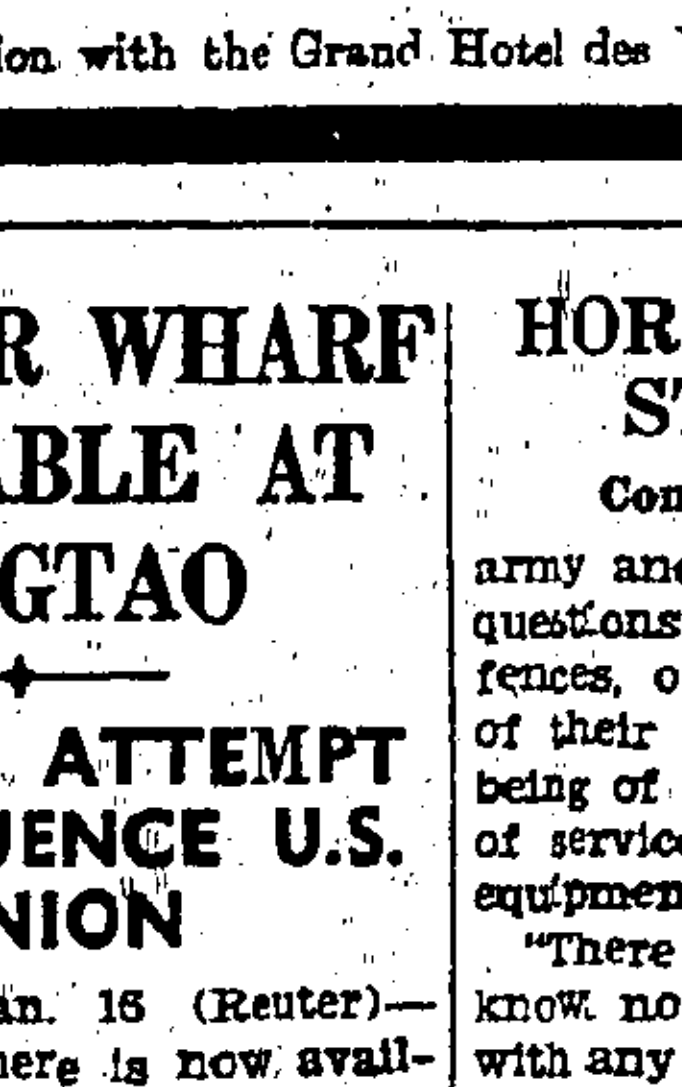
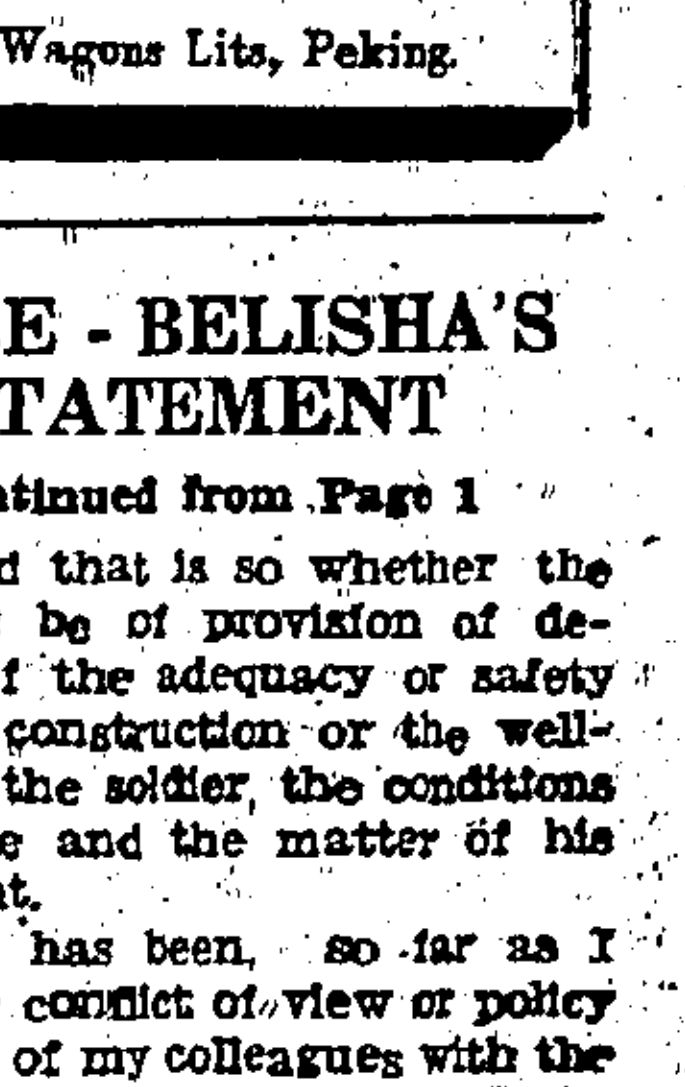
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**ANOTHER WHARF
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TSINGTAO**

**JAPANESE ATTEMPT
TO INFLUENCE U.S.
OPINION**

TSINGTAO, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—Another wharf here is now available for the use of third Power shipping. Number 4 wharf has been opened for the handling of dangerous cargoes only.

This decision follows the announcement on Sunday that an additional shipping berth in Tsingtao Harbour and two godowns have been opened for third Power vessels.

Shipping circles regard the new concessions as a step in the right direction provided they are operated in a liberal spirit.

It is pointed out that two small berths previously available have been denied to foreign ships for months on the pretext of military necessity.

GENERAL DRIVE

Every form of discrimination, it is said, has been used against foreign, particularly British, shipping concerns as part of a general drive against foreign trade in the occupied areas.

Shipping circles add that the new concessions are subject to the same restrictions as have been used to nullify the spirit while preserving the letter and the previous arrangement, therefore, is capable of operation in the same manner.

HORE - BELISHA'S STATEMENT

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army and that is so whether the questions be of provision of defenses, of the adequacy or safety of their construction or the well-being of the soldier, the conditions of service and the matter of his equipment.

"There has been, so far as I know, no conflict of view or policy with any of my colleagues with the Government upon any point concerning my departure, or otherwise."

"I declined the Board of Trade post because I could not feel the assurance of that consideration, which persuaded the Prime Minister to make this change, would allow of my energetic discharge in the national interest, of another office."

FIRE RENDERERS 40 THOUSAND HOMELESS

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Reuters)—The disastrous fire at Shimokita, about 100 miles to the south-west of Tokyo, in which 8,000 houses were destroyed and 40,000 rendered homeless, is now under control.

According to the latest information the casualties were not as high as anticipated and it is reported that only two are dead and eight injured.

"If that is so, it would obviously be an attempt to influence third Power opinion, particularly American, by the appearance of 'magnanimity' while actually yielding nothing," it is added.

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- 1 Camera "Agfa"

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WEATHER REPORT

(Hongkong Royal Observatory)
10 a.m., Jan. 16.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.93 ins.
Temperature, 65° F.
Humidity, 86 per cent.
Wind Direction, W/S
Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.
Temperature; maximum yesterday 68° F.
Temperature; minimum last night, 61° F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, 0.02 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st 0.02 ins.
Against an average of 0.39 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.05 a.m.
4 p.m., Jan. 16.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.95 ins.
Temperature, 70° F.
Humidity, 72 per cent.
Wind Direction, WSW.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Maximum temperature, 72° F.
Minimum temperature, 61° F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 17 to 23 Jan. 1940.

High Water.		Low Water.	
Date of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed. 17	Jan. 17	09 24	5.3
Thur. 18	Jan. 18	01 30	4.6
Fri. 19	Jan. 19	02 43	4.1
Sat. 20	Jan. 20	04 48	3.8
Sun. 21	Jan. 21	06 55	3.6
Mon. 22	Jan. 22	08 08	3.4
Tues. 23	Jan. 23	09 23	3.1

Pleading guilty through a representative, Mrs. J. Whitman, of No. 6, Shek O, who was summoned for leaving her car in Queen's Road Central, for a time longer than necessary, and failing to produce her driving licence, was fined \$10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday.

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

REPORT FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING 30TH DEC., 1939.

The Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. report for the weeks ending on December 30, 1939, is as follows—

UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT

SECTION	Shaft: Sinking	Driving	Cross Cutting	Winning	Total
Raub	267	122	168	555	
Anderson	106	—	38	144	
Bt. Koman	533	37	101	671	
Derrick	265	100	45	410	
Malacca	24	—	—	24	
Total	24	1,171	259	350	1,804

RAUB SECTION

No. 1 Level: An intermediate drive has been driven from the stope furthest south on this level and has intersected gold bearing stringers.

A winze has been commenced at 277' south of the shaft.
No. 2 Level: A small winze from the east crosscut at 134' North broke into a No. 3 Level north stope and driving north along this favourable stringer zone is in progress.

Another crosscut east at the south end was commenced to intersect the projected upward continuation of the stringer zone worked on No. 3 Level south and has intersected a gold bearing stringer.

No. 4 Level: The winze below the stope at 213' north has been continued and gold is still visible in the bottom. The main south drive has been continued exposing stringers carrying gold.

A winze has been commenced in this south-eastern area to test for its downward continuation.

No. 5 Level: Leading stopes were mined in the crosscuts driven on this level but so far the results are not up to average.

No. 6 Level: East crosscutting has been recommenced.

ANDERSON SECTION

No. 3 Level: The main drive south has been continued on reef of good appearance but the crushing returns were not up to average grade.

The Long Drill Hole was bored to a total of 73 ft. west of the drive without intersecting any reef.

No. 3 Level: From the south intermediate drive 109' north of the shaft—a winze has been broken through to a No. 4 Level stope which will cheapen and facilitate further exploration work.

BUKIT KOMAN SECTION

No. 3 Level: The winze has been continued on low assay values, and the north drive which is also further west has been driven through patchy material and crushing returns are a little below the average.

No. 5 Level: The north and south drives off the main west crosscut have been continued but the work has been impeded through the need for timbering which is unusual in such development work here. Results so far have been unfavourable.

No. 5 Level: A winze has been commenced and the values have been fair.

No. 7 Level: A winze has been commenced with a view to proving geological theories, concerning faulted reef extensions.

No. 10 Level: The reef mentioned in the previous report has been broken through to 91' Level having exposed average grade ore.

DERRICK SECTION

No. 3 Level: The reef in the winze has been faulted but the crushing results of the winze ore have been satisfactory.

No. 4 Level: Drives north and south on exposures in two old crosscuts some 150' apart have explored ore channels, crushing results of which have been somewhat below average.

No. 5 Level: Drives north and south have been started on exposures in two old crosscuts, assay values of which were encouraging.

No. 5 Level: The ore from the intermediate north drive has not crushed up to expected grade.

The winze from the intermediate drive has continued on good grade ore.

No. 6 Level: The south drive has continued on good grade ore. An east crosscut became necessary to connect with the north drive which is on a make of stone parallel to the south drive.

MALACCA SECTION

Shaft sinking advanced 24 feet only, due to pump troubles.

The installation of the new compressor is almost complete.

SURFACE PROSPECTING

Work is continuing.

MINING

The ore mined and treated during the period is shown in the following tabulation:—

Underground

Ore Total

Raub 2,035 2,035

Anderson 282 282

Bt. Koman 1,556 1,556

Derrick	688	688
Prospecting Shafts	627	627
Total	5,188	5,188

RAUB SECTION

Stopping was continued above Nos. 1, 3 and 4 Levels and a commencement was made on No. 5 level but the grade throughout the section was somewhat lower, though the tonnage treated increased 25 per cent.

ANDERSON SECTION

The underhand stoping was completed and the stope is suspended pending further development work south of it from which filling may be obtained.

BUKIT KOMAN SECTION

Stopping was continued above Nos. 5, 8, and 9 Levels. The tonnage treated increased and the grade was maintained.

DERRICK SECTION

Stopping was suspended below No. 4 Level, and the No. 6 Level stope, in which values have been good, was recommenced towards the end of the period. There was a 12 per cent. increase in tonnage treated.

TREATMENT PLANT

Battery

Tons ore crushed, 5,188.
Stamp hours worked, 9,121.
Proportion of full time, 98.95.
Bullion produced, ounces, 1,385.98.

Residue to retreatment, 5,128 tons at 1.21 dwt/ton.
Residue to storage dam, 58 tons at 1.17 dwt/ton.

Retreatment Plant

Tons treated, current tailings, 5,128 tons at 1.21 dwt/ton.
Tons treated, Bukit Koman dump, 4,376 tons at 2.30 dwt/ton.
Tons treated, Cord. table concs., 61 tons at 22.3 dwt/ton.

Total, 9,565 tons at 1.85 dwt/ton.
Calculated concentrate treated, 140.

Bullion recovered, ounces, 821.27.

GOLD SHIPMENT

Bullion Oz. Fine Au Ozs.
Battery 1,385.98 1,318.61
Retreatment, 821.27 679.08
2,207.25 1,997.69

Extra fine gold recovered as a result of adjustment of refining loss on cyanide bullion for Periods 550 and 551 3.12
1,998.79

Estimated Mine Working Profit (Subject to depreciation, etc.)—\$63,000/-

NEWSETTES

The second annual dinner of the Army Teachers' Club was enjoyed by the many who attended at the Cafe Wiseman last night.

A special meeting will be held by the International Peace Campaign China Branch on Jan. 23 to commemorate its second anniversary. The branch has asked Lord Cecil, President of the International Peace Campaign, to broadcast a speech to China on that day.

The first number of the daily survey of foreign comment on the war, "compiled from telegraphic reports received by the Ministry of Information," was issued by the Ministry on Monday. The extracts are given from the press of Sweden, Germany, Brazil, Denmark, Venezuela, the United States, Switzerland and Egypt. (BWS).

A message from New York reports that the "One Bowl of Rice" movement organised by the people in New York in aid of Chinese war refugees is being pushed in 280 large cities in the United States so far it is stated over US\$17,000 has been raised through the movement.

Led by Madame Ma Chao-chun, wife of the former Mayor of Nanking, a party of representatives of the National Women's Relief Association and other women bodies here visited the Chinese Air Force on Monday. They presented two banners and many "comfort" articles.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF

Contractor Sues For Work Done

In the Summary Court yesterday, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, judgment for plaintiff, with costs up to Sept. 16, was awarded in the case in which Chi Kee contractor, of No. 11, Queen's Road, sued Li Hung Chi, also known as Li Yau Chuen, No. 3, Lincoln Road, Kowloon Hong for \$1,270 for work done and materials supplied for a building at No. 10 and 12 Wing Kat Street, owned by the defendants.

Mr. H. W. Lee instructed by Messrs. Peter Sin and Co., appeared for the defendants while plaintiff was represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

The defendants, while admitting the claim, lodged a counterclaim at the rate of \$30 per day for each day the work was delayed. There was a clause in the contract which stated that the building would not be considered completed until passed by the building authorities and this was not done till 78 days later.

PLAN ALTERATIONS

The building should have been completed by March 11, according to the contract, but it was not finished until May owing to alterations in the plans.

Mr. Percy Chen argued that the architect, Lee Hin Lung, employed by the defendant himself, had stated that there was a delay of only five days.

In giving judgment for plaintiff on the claim, his Lordship allowed \$30 per day on the counterclaim for 55 days from May 17 to July 10, inclusive. Costs for plaintiff till Sept. 16, and thereafter for defendant.

ECONOMIC WAR AND PEACE

The following letter was published in The Times on Dec. 29:—

Sir,—Economic warfare has the advantage that it can be made constructive as well as destructive. It is wholly right and proper that our manufacturers should strive to secure markets from which Germany is, for the moment, excluded. But in doing so and in holding these markets, as we hope to do after the war, we are merely creating wealth for ourselves at the expense of the enemy and leaving still more trouble for us and our Allies to clear up in Germany after we have won the war.

Having in view that tremendous and complicated task, it is obviously necessary that France and ourselves should come out of the war with all the economic strength we can muster. We might achieve this object, and at the same time intensify the economic war against Germany, by renouncing here and now all forms of economic armament against France.

The armaments of economic warfare are tariffs, quotas, Customs barriers, immigration regulations, etc. France and ourselves have pooled our resources for war purposes, and it would be a simple step, easily taken in the circumstances of today to pool our resources for peace purposes, as well. Such an arrangement would be fraught with tremendous possibilities for world good.

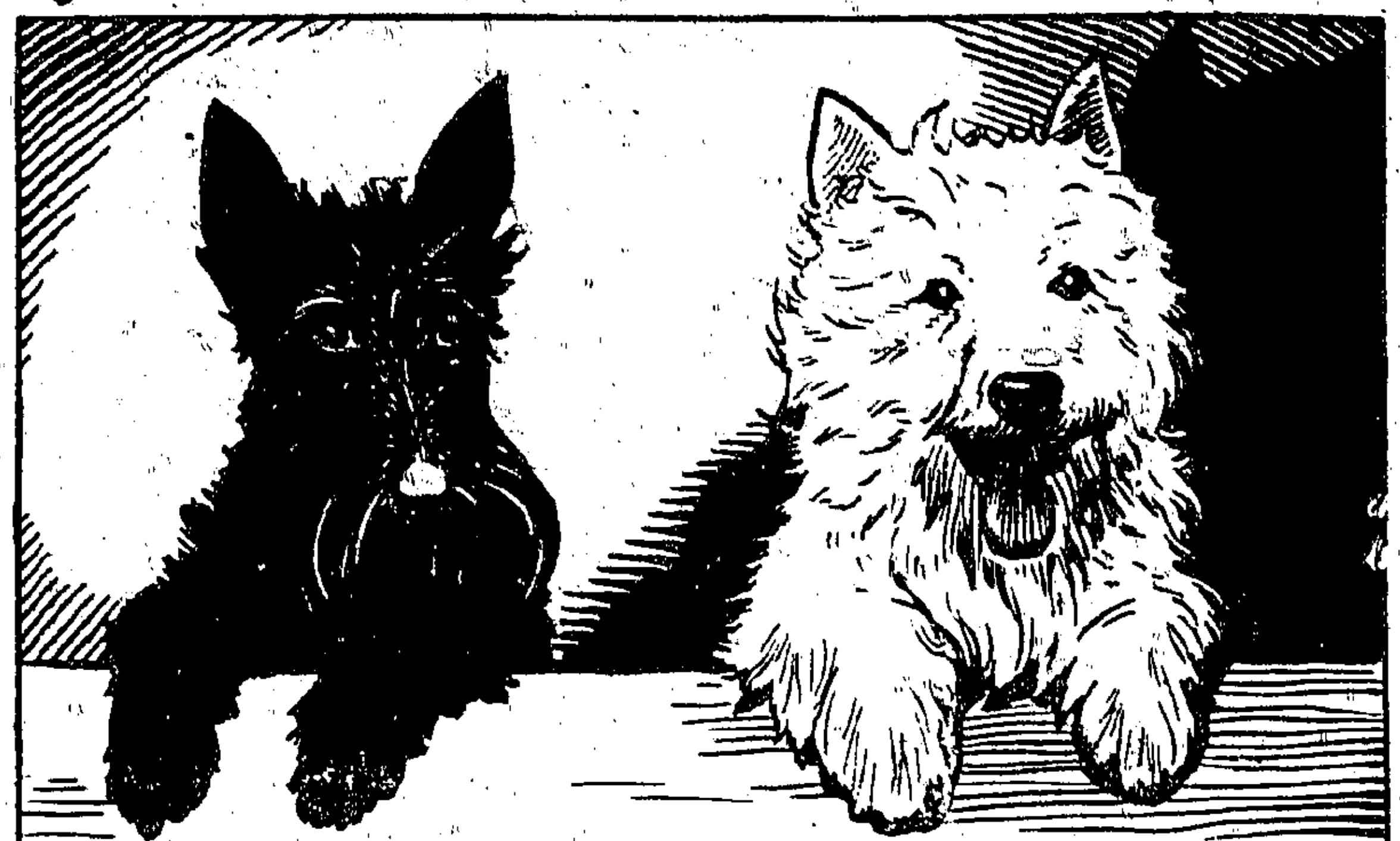
The renunciation by two great democracies of all economic armament would set a fashion for others to follow. For economic disarmament must precede warlike disarmament.

A Customs union between us and France would, of course, damage minor vested interests in both countries, but such sectional losses would be trivial, by comparison with the national and international benefits to be secured. France would help to reduce our cost of living, while we could grow rich in the great work of raising the lower standard of France.

This proposal has the merit that it does not clash with any of the various schemes for a better world after the war. I know of no plans the accomplishment of which would not be facilitated by a great and powerful area in Western Europe absolutely free from the main causes of world distress.

I am, Sir, yours, etc.,

ERNEST J. P. BENN.
Bouverie House, Fleet Street, E.C.4, Dec. 25.



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Credits 4 months' sight 1/2 13/16	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 29 1/2	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 1/2	
On Japan:—	
On demand 103 3/4	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 82 1/8	
On demand 82 1/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/2	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 1/2	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 103 1/2	
Credits 4 months' sight 114 1/2	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 108 1/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 49	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 150 1/4	
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/37 7/8	
Bar Silver per oz. 31 3/4	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices dropped 5/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 21 3/4 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported India as having bought to a small extent. Support was poor. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 397 5/8.

Market

Quietly steady but a lower level than yesterday.

Sterling

Some business was reported at 1/2 15/16 for near. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2 29/32 January/February, possibly March, buyers at 1/2 15/16 Cash and 1/2 29/32 April.

U.S. Dollars

There were Sellers at 24 1/16 Cash, possibly January, and 24 9/16 February, buyers at 24 3/4 Cash and 24 1/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

Some business was reported at 306 3/4 and 306. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 305, buyers at 301 1/4.

Shanghai Market

At the opening sellers for Spot for Sterling were quoted at 4 5/32 and U.S. Dollars at 8. Towards the close the market was a shade steadier with sellers at 4 5/32 and 8 1/16.

Afternoon Market

The market was dull in the afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 12 29/32 January/February, possibly March, buyers at 1/2 15/16 Cash and 1/2 29/32 April.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 24 1/16 January and 24 9/16 February, buyers at 24 3/4 Cash and 24 1/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 303 and probable buyers at 304.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Was a shade steadier with sellers of Sterling for Spot at 4 7/8 and U.S. Dollars at 8 1/8.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 16 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates	
London	0/4-1/2
New York	7-3/8
Japan	31-1/4
India	24-7/8
Paris	330
Hongkong	30-1/8

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-53/64	0/4-57/64
Jan.	0/4-53/64	0/4-7/8
Feb.	0/4-25/32	0/4-53/64

U.S. Dollars	
Spot	88
Jan.	88-3/32
Feb.	88-1/16
March	88-7/8
April	88-15/16

Market:—Quiet but steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-13/16.

U.S. Dollars, 87-15/16.

Silver Unity Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 14-3/4 per cent.

New York Exchange

New York, Jan. 16 (Reuters).

T.T. on London, (Offering Rate), 395-5/8.

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STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, January 15.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous	January 15	Change
Spot	37-7/8	37-3/4	off 1/4
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/4	36-1/8	off 1/8
JULY-SEPT.	35-1/8	35	off 1/8

The market was slightly steadier.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous	January 15	Change
Spot	11-3/4	11-11/16	off 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	11-1/16	11-11/16	unch.
JULY-SEPT.	11-9/16	11-9/16	

After ruling easier, the market became steady on covering.

NEW YORK COTTON: Heavy selling for the past few days has improved the market technically. When a broader demand developed, prices advance quite easily as they were today and we feel that they will go still higher, when the scarcity of contracts becomes more apparent. We believe that advantage should be taken to buy on recessions.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Rubber consumption for December was 48,428 tons, compared with 54,322 tons for the month of November, while stocks were 138,017 tons and rubber afloat totalled 91,095 tons. The poor December consumption figures are likely to cause temporary weakness. What prospects of a brightening January consumption and the unfavourable European developments, we would build up positions on declines.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The market responded to a renewal of buying on the belief of an imminence of a protracted war and the strength of the mill markets. Realizing was well absorbed. Weather conditions in the South-West continued unfavourable.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 145.19; Today's close, 144.65; Change, off 54.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. To-day's	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	11.09	10.93	10.92	11.08	.16 up
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.08	18.87	19.01	18.87	.14 off
Chicago Wheat, May	1.00 1/2	.98 1/2	.98 1/2	1.00 1/2	.02 up
Chicago Corn, May	.58 1/2	.57 1/2	.57 1/2	.58 1/2	.01 up
New York Hides, Mar.	14.73	14.50	14.52	14.73	.21 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close

January 10.99/99

February 10.93/93

March 10.93/93

April 10.85/85

May 10.85/85

June 10.85/85

July 10.85/85

August 10.85/85

September 10.85/85

October 10.85/85

November 10.85/85

December 10.85/85

Spot 11.15 N

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 53,300 bales

NOTE:—January cotton, last notice day: 17.1.40.

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	10.99/99	11.01b/05a	11.02 N	.03 up
February	10.93/93	10.93/93	11.08/09	.16 up
March	10.93/93	10.93/93	10.83/83	.10 up
April	10.85/85	10.85/85	10.44/44	.19 up
May	10.85/85	10.85/85	10.84 N	.19 up
June	10.85/85	10.85/85	9.85/85	.19 up
July	10.85/85	10.85/85	9.79/79	.21 up
August	10.85/85	10.85/85	11.31 N	.16 up
September	10.85/85	10.85/85		
October	10.85/85	10.85/85		
November	10.85/85	10.85/85		
December	10.85/85	10.85/85		
Spot	11.15 N			

Total sales for the day:—1,580 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	19.01/01	18.98/97	18.97/98	.14 off
May	18.80/80	18.51/52	18.57/57	.03 off
July	18.29/33	18.35/38	18.37b/35a	.02 up
September	18.00b		18.10/10	.10 up
December	18.00b		18.10 N	.10 up

Saturday's sales:—21,200,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	57 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2	.01 up
July	57 1/2		58 1/2	.01 up
September	58 1/2		59 1/2	.01 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	88/88	88 1/2	87 1/2	.14 up
July	88/88		87 1/2	.14 up
September	88/88		89 1/2	.14 up

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	14.52/52	14.51/50	14.73/73	.21 up
June	15.75/75	14.85/85	14.95/95	.20 up
New York Official	unquoted		34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.97-1/8		3.97-5/8	

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE	
London, Jan. 15 (Reuters).	
TIN	
buyers	242-3/4
sellers	243
Standard, Cash	242-3/4
Standard, 3 months	241-3/4
Settlement Price	242-3/4
Straits	243

LONDON GOLD	
London, Jan. 15 (Reuters).	
Bar Gold, Fine per oz.	188/-

Calcutta Exchange	
Calcutta, Jan. 15 (Reuters).	
T.T. on Japan, 79-7/8	

SILVER MARKET	
London, Jan. 15 (Reuters).	
Silver—Little general selling.	
Support poor. India small buyer at the decline. Market steady.	
In the afternoon, the market was steady, with small buyers at the rate but nothing was offered.	
Spot, 21-3/4d.	
Forward, 21-3/4d.	

NEW YORK SILVER	
New York, Jan. 15 (Reuters).	
Silver, Official, 34-3/4.	

BOMBAY SILVER	
Bombay, Jan. 15 (Reuters).	
Market—Quiet but steady. Or take 25 bars.	
Indian Mint Silver	
Ready	61-01
Feb. 3 Settlement	61-04
Mar. 4 Settlement	61-02

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Jan. 15	Jan. 15	Jan. 15	Jan. 15
Adams Express	8	Lake Foundry & Mac	4
Allegheny Steel Co.	18 1/2	Lubley-Owens-Ford Glass	48 1/2
Allied Stores	8 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	28 1/2
Allis Chalmers	37	Loew's Inc.	34
Aluminum Ltd.	99	Mack Truck Inc.	25
Amer. Can.	113 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	36 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	32	McKesson & Robbins, pld.	104
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Montgomery Ward	51 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	19 1/2	National Aviation	11 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	23	Nat. Dairy Products	16 1/2
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2	Nat. Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	National Gypsum	10 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	47 1/2	National Lead	19 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	19	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	168 1/2	National Steel Corp.	68
Amer. Tobacco "B"	87 1/2	Nat. Supply Corp.	9 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2	New York Central	16 1/2
Anaconda Copper	28 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2	N. American Aviation	23 1/2
Auburn Motors	2	North American Co.	22 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2	Northern Pacific	8 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	14	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	60 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	32 1/2
Bell & Co.	27 1/2	Pacific Lighting	48 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	73 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bills & Co.	13	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	22 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2
Borg-Warner	23 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	36
Briggs Manufacturing	20 1/2	Philips Petroleum	39
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transp.	14 1/2	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	7 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	48 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	40 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	5	Pulman Inc.	28
Case J. I.	27 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Celanese	39 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	52
Chesapeake & Ohio	82 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	14 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	38	Reading Company, 1st pld.	26 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	78 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	42 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	8 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	89 1/2	Republic Steel	19 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	47 1/2	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	12 1/2
Com. & Southern (ord)	14	Reynold Tobacco	40 1/2
Consolidated Edison	30 1/2	Richfield Oil	4 1/2
Continental Can	7 1/2	Safeway Stores	44 1/2
Continental Oil	23 1/2	Schenley Distillers	13 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Sears Roebuck	8 1/2
Corn Products	63 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2	Socoyn-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	Southern Pacific	13
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Southern Ry. 4 1/2 pld.	29 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Sperry	43
Douglas Aircraft	76 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	29 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	178	Standard Brands	7 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	103	Standard Gas & Elec.	42 1/2
Easton Mfg. Co.	28 1/2	Standard Oil of California	25
Elec. Autolite	35 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	43 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2	Stone & Webster	11 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pf.	68 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	30 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 4 1/2 pf.	33 1/2	Swift International	30 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 3 1/2 pf.	144	Technicolor	13 1/2
Flintkote	18 1/2	Texas Corp.	43 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	33
Gen. Electric	38 1/2	Trans-America Co.	53
Gen. Motors	51 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	11 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	16 1/2	20th Cent. Fox 1 1/2 pf.	11 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	20 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	82
Glidden Co.	17 1/2	Union Pacific	93
Goodrich (B.F.)	17 1/2	United Aircraft	44 1/2
Goodrich 1 1/2 pf.	63 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15
Goodyear Tire & Co.	22	United Corp.	24
Great Northern Iron Ore	16 1/2	United Gas Corp.	38 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pld.	23 1/2	United Gas Improvement	14 1/2
Great Western Sugar	28	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22
Greyhound Corp.	16 1/2	U.S. Rubber	30 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	87 1/2	U.S. Steel	59
Homestead Mining	55	Vanadium	30
International Harvester	60	Walworth Co.	53
Int. Nickel	36 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	31
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4	Westinghouse Elec.	106
Johns-Manville	71	Woodward Iron Cor.	22 1/2
J. & Laughlin Steel 7 1/2 pld.	56	Chase National Bank	—
Kennecott Copper	35 1/2	National City Bank	—

DOW JONES AVERAGE		Jan. 12, 1940		Jan. 13, 1940		Change	
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
155.90	151.41	155.90	151.41	155.90	151.41	.54	off
35.90	34.14	35.90	34.14	35.90	34.14	.37	off
27.70	20.70	27.70	20.70	27.70	20.70	.18	off
22.32	24.51	22.32	24.51	22.32	24.51	.38	off
65.67	65.39	65.67	65.39	65.67	65.39	.64	up

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300-MILE SAFETY ZONE ROUND THE AMERICAS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The British Government's reply to the suggestion by the Pan-American conference that a 300-Mile Safety Zone be drawn around the Americas has been sent to the Government of Panama. It is understood that the text of the reply will be published today.

Non-Military Assistance For Finland

PRES. ROOSEVELT'S PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDED AID

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt informed Congressional leaders that he will send a communication to Congress shortly on extending aid to Finland. It is predicted that the President will advise Congress that any United States assistance to Finland should be confined to non-military assistance.

ADDITIONAL LOAN

A Senate authority stated that President Roosevelt would discuss the question of an additional loan to Finland through the Export and Import Bank for non-military purchases in the United States.

A party of eminent French newspaper proprietors arrived in England on Monday as guests of the British Council. During their stay, visits will be made to Portsmouth and Aldershot and they will see something of London's air defences. Among the social functions in their honour will be a lunch by the Government on Thursday. The visit concludes on Friday.—(BWS).

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Rear-Admiral Stark, speaking before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the Navy needs bigger submarines than those of some of the other Powers, because undersea operations might be required in the South Atlantic.

MORE DISTANT ENEMY

Admiral Stark declared that Germany and Russia had built large numbers of small submarines for use against nearby potential enemies, but "the United States builds submarines for operations against potential aggressive enemy action more distant from our shores."

"It has been the uniform policy of Japan to build large number of submarines capable of operating in distant areas," he said.

NOT "TOP HEAVY"

Replying to the criticism that the proposed \$1,300,000,000 for the expansion of the Fleet was "top heavy in favour of destroyers," Admiral Stark asserted that Britain had 350 destroyers and other specially constructed escort vessels built or being built.

YANGTSE RIVER OPENING PUT OFF FOR MARCH 1

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16. (Int'l).—The re-opening of the Yangtse River up to Nanking, scheduled for some time in February, has been postponed to March 1. Foreign circles are not enthusiastic regarding this move, as goods can be sent to Nanking by rail.

The opening is a concession to the United States, in the hope that Washington will renew the commercial treaty. Prospects so far are definitely negative.

NAVAL BUILDING ACCELERATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Owing to the accelerated pace in naval building, President Roosevelt has written a letter to Mr. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, asking Congress to provide an additional \$31,000,000. Immediately for armour, armament and ammunition.

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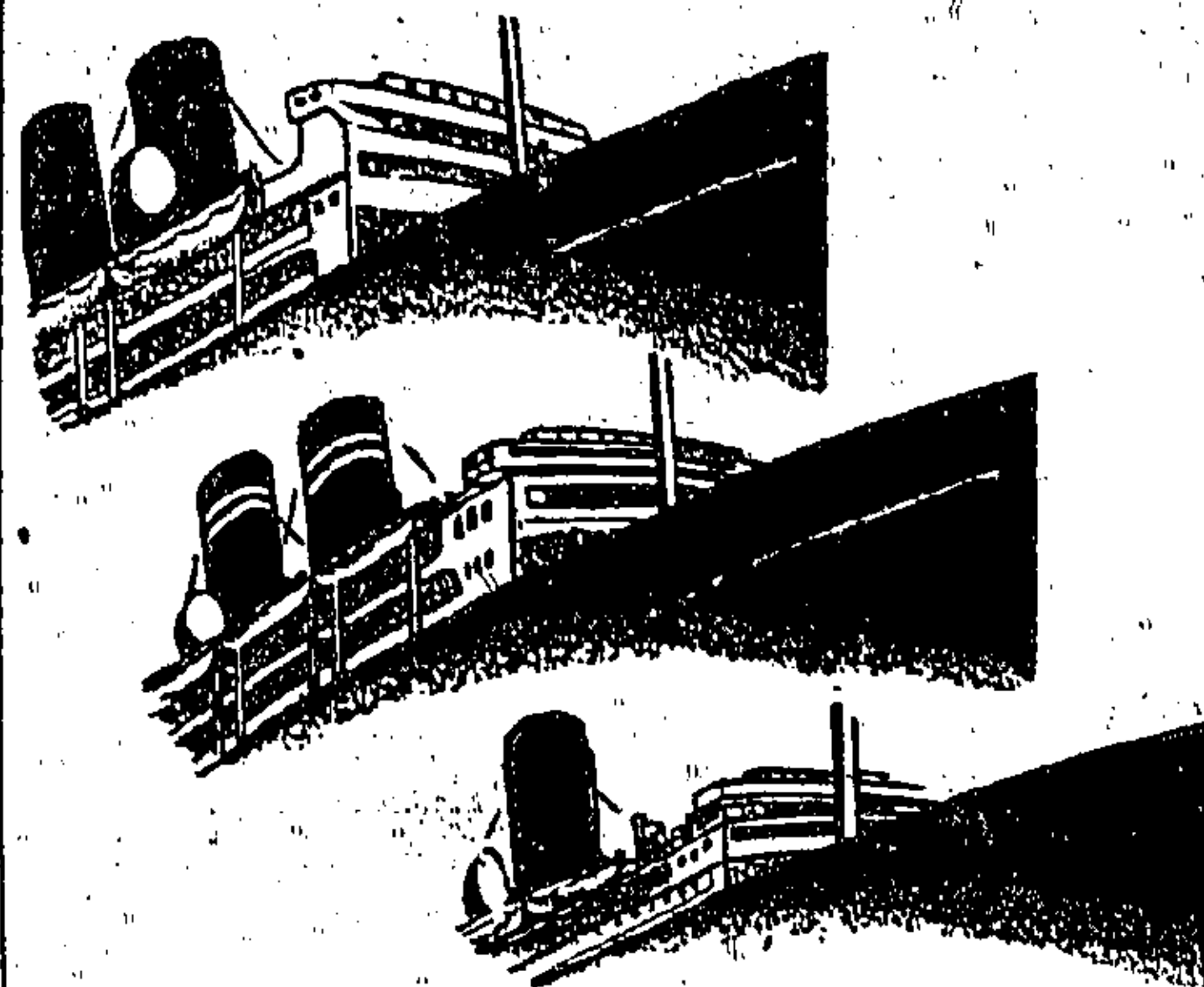
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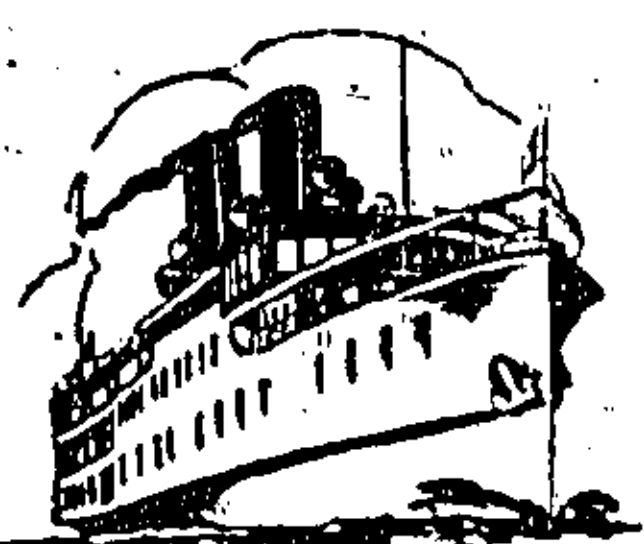
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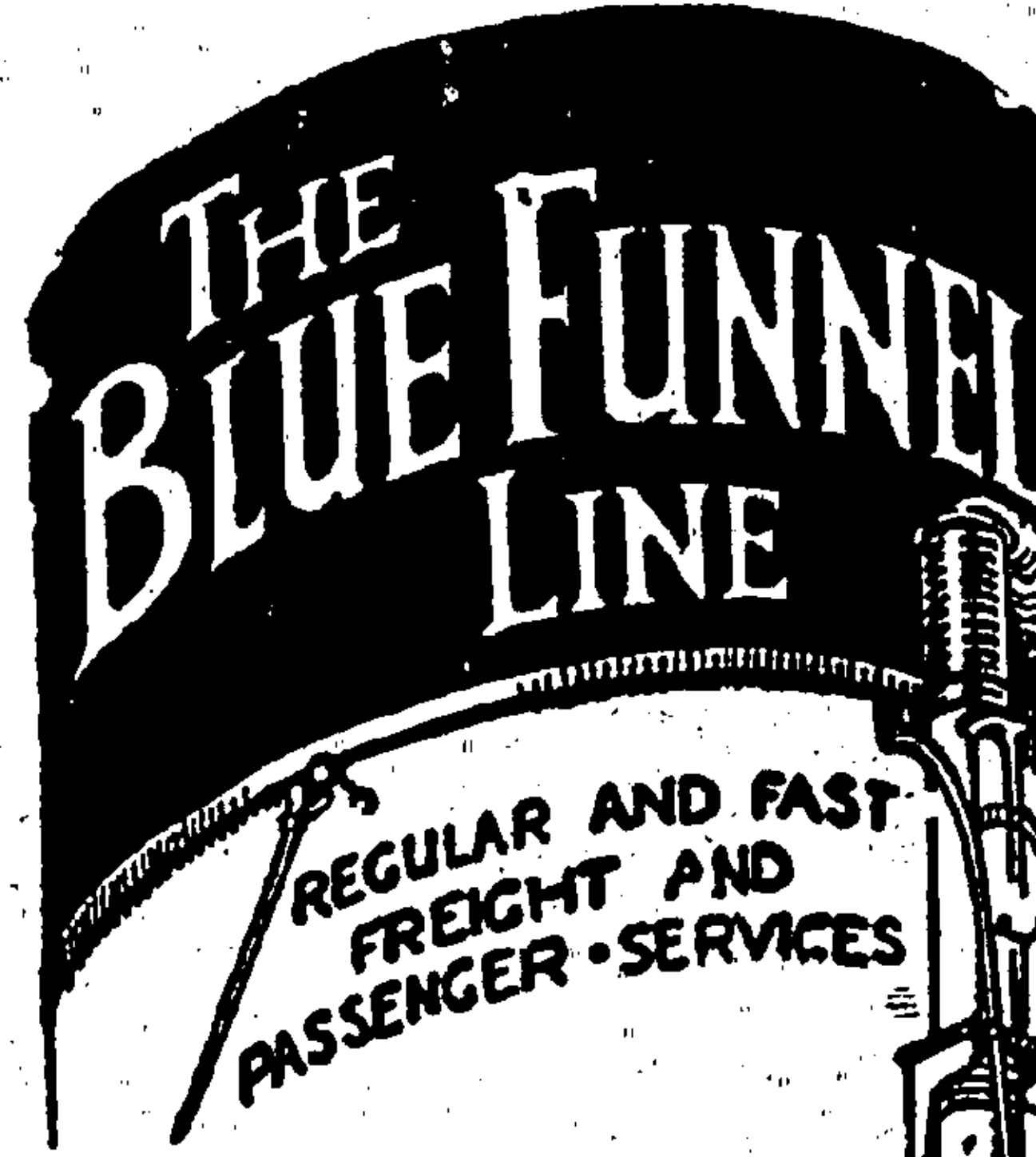
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**R.A.F. Fighters Could Bring
Nazi Air Attack On Britain
To A Quick Standstill**

LONDON, Jan. 16 (BWS).—That R.A.F. fighters could bring an enemy air offensive on Britain to a standstill in a comparatively short space of time by losses which would be inflicted on the raiding bombers, is the opinion held in authoritative London circles.

Although tribute is paid to the efficiency of the self-sealing petrol tanks carried by Heinkel bombers, which increases difficulty in shooting them down in their spasmodic appearances over British shores, it is pointed out that neither British aeroplane design or armament is standing still and that British fighters shortly will be able to shatter these tanks which at present, though riddled with bullets, do not leak sufficiently to prevent the enemy reaching home again.

**Jan. 26 Is
Fateful
For Japan**

ANXIETY FOR
TRADE TREATY
WITH U.S.

**TALKS IN PROGRESS
IN TOKYO**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, stated that a new commercial treaty with Japan was being discussed in Tokyo.

Asked at a press conference in regard to the despatches from Tokyo that Japan had submitted proposals dealing with Japanese-American trade relations after Jan. 26, Mr. Hull replied that all matters in which the two Governments were interested were under discussion from time to time between Mr. Joseph Grew, the U.S. Ambassador, and the Tokyo Foreign Office.

NO DEVELOPMENTS
These matters include the commercial treaty situation and related topics, Mr. Hull said, adding that there were at present, no developments.

After the conference, a State Department official explained that the United States had not raised the question of a new commercial treaty, but Japan was anxious for a new treaty with the United States and had undoubtedly injected it into the Tokyo discussions.

**BADMINTON
LEAGUE**

TAIKOO EASILY
BEAT K.C.C.

In a Mixed Doubles League Badminton match played at Taikoo R.C. last night, Taikoo defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by eight games to one.

J. Clark and Mrs. Beattie (Taikoo) beat J. L. Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-12; beat A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 21-10; beat J. Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7.

R. Main and Mrs. Main (Taikoo) beat Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-8; beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 23-22; beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7.

O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham (Taikoo) lost to Anderson and Miss Stokes 5-21; beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 23-22; beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7.

**ALLEY TEAM WIN
AT DUCK PIN**

At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last night an Alley team (H. Blount, J. S. Landolt, J. H. Watts, R. H. Tidd) beat the U.S.S. Tulsa (O.F. Drewes, J.A. Vasko, J. Yelinko, C. T. Christiansen) by 52 points in a friendly five-game Duck Pin match.

Scores follow:
Alley Team—373, 375, 336, 369, 443. Total, 1936.
U.S.S. Tulsa—414, 358, 368, 368, 378. Total, 1884.

Hearing of the case in which 13 dismissed employees of the Chung Wah Book Company are charged with fighting in Pak Tai Street on Jan. 6 was fixed by Mr. E. Hims-worth at Kowloon Court yesterday for this Thursday. All defendants were released on \$50 bail each.

Paul Hannay Symons, 39, residing at No. 54, The Peak, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of behaving in a rough and disorderly manner at Gough Hill Police Station and was cautioned.

The skill and courage of night-flying German pilots is fully recognised and it is appreciated by men of the Fighter Command that neither British industries nor the civilian population is safe until the offensive breaks out and the percentage of losses which the enemy will have to suffer affect the morale of the German pilots.

CIVIL DEFENCE READY
British towns have so far been spared devastation by air raids against which the precautions of Civilian Defence were taken, but the preparations made in the first days of war have not been relaxed.

Civilian Defence organisation stands ready. A million-and-a-quarter volunteer workers are at their posts and training goes on.

Of the numerous branches of Civilian Defence few have the opportunity to carry out their duties except in practice exercises. Auxiliary firemen and "A.R.P. Marines"—the latest addition to the Civilian Defence ranks—are notable exceptions.

According to the Ministry for Home Security, the Auxiliary Fire Service men, are turning out day and night to every fire that occurs. At a recent London fire, which turned out to be one of the biggest for several years, over two-hundred auxiliary firemen were on duty.

"A.R.P. MARINES"

"A.R.P. Marines"—as they been nicknamed—are the result of the German war on shipping. Merchant ships are torpedoed or mined at sea or are attacked by German aircraft with bombs and machine-guns.

These casualties need the earliest possible attention. There is a call to the shore for first aid parties. Special A.R.P. squads stand by at ports ready to go to the moment a call comes at any hour of the day or night.

On a recent occasion two first aid parties went out in a trawler to a ship three miles off the shore which had on board survivors of another ship which been torpedoed.

DIFFICULT CONDITIONS

There was a heavy sea running and the casualties had to be transferred from ship to trawler under difficult and dangerous conditions.

There were fifteen persons, all suffering from extensive superficial burns. It was not possible to use stretchers and every case had to be handled with the greatest care—one, especially, as he had a broken spine.

The squads administered first aid treatment under these conditions and took the casualties off and landed them.

**S.S. PRES. QUEZON
WILL CALL AT
H.K. JAN. 29**

The former President Madison, of the Dollar Steamship Line, and now sailing under the Philippine Commonwealth flag, will pay her first call in Hongkong harbour on January 29.

The repaired and modernised steamer, now named President Quezon, will be used on the trans-Pacific route.

A combined group of capitalists purchased the former President Madison and it is anticipated, will make several more additions.

**ANOTHER MURDER
IN SHANGHAI**

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16 (Central).—Mr. Yu Yeh-fen, prominent merchant in Shanghai, was shot and killed by an unidentified gunman in the Keng San Theatre, in the International Settlement, last night, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The motive for the crime is not yet known.

**ACCIDENTAL SHOT:
S. M. POLICE SERGT.
DIES IN HOSPITAL**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Probationary Sergeant Duncan Crank, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, died at 1.20 p.m. today at the General Hospital.

He was wounded at noon last Wednesday by an accidental shot fired by a Chinese police constable of his own squad while trying to settle an argument in the General Post Office compound.

**Controversy
Will Be
Avoided**

MR. HORE BELISHA'S
STATEMENT TO
COMMONS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Although there is widespread interest in the personal statement Mr. Hore Belisha will make in the House of Commons today, there is always a possibility that the much-heralded debate may come to nothing, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

NO CONTROVERSY
It is considered possible that he may take the line that no unnecessary controversy should be aroused at present.

Mr. Hore Belisha's statement is likely to begin between 3.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. and Mr. Chamberlain is due to make his review on the progress of the war immediately afterwards. Probably he will preface his review with comments on Mr. Hore Belisha's statement.

**RATION SCHEME
WORKS SMOOTHLY**

LONDON, Jan. 16 (BWS).—After an experience of one week of the schemes for the rationing of butter, bacon and sugar—the only foods yet subject to rationing in Britain—it was stated authoritatively yesterday that the machinery was working smoothly and well.

There has been no shortage anywhere in the distribution of rationed commodities.

**FANLING HUNT
MEETING**

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The Accumulated Fund is now \$4,350, and it is the Committee's earnest hope that this amount will form the nucleus of a fund which will free the Club from the financial worries that have been its share during the past few years.

Last season was, as I think, is shown from the accounts, one of the most successful in the history of the Club and, so far as the racecourse is concerned, the recent meeting we had on Boxing Day at Kwantai was also probably a record.

Since that last race meeting one or two improvements have been made and further accommodation provided and I trust even if on Sunday next we have anything like the number of people who attended last time, they will not be inconvenienced by overcrowding.

LESS HUNTING

Doubtless owing to the uncertain times the number of people hunting is very much less than it has been in the last few years and consequently the number of ponies available for steeplechase or hurdle races have been considerably curtailed. We have, however, with the substitution of one or two flat races, made up a programme which I believe was an attractive one.

The Fanling Hunt has now been in existence for some 14 or 15 years and I think we can claim that in a small way it has become an institution in the Colony and therefore, subject to the exigencies of the times, it should be our policy to carry on to the best of our ability a Club which has given a lot of pleasure and recreation to many people in this Colony, and also forms a permanent organisation available for the many Service members residing in the Colony from time to time who are interested in riding.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. G. P. Farguson and carried.

Messrs. Percy Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at the same fee as last year. The motion was proposed by the chairman and carried unanimously.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Calcutta and Straits	17th Jan.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 16th January	17th Jan.
Canton	17th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	17th Jan.
Haiphong	17th Jan.
Straits	17th Jan.
Japan	17th Jan.
Shanghai and Amoy	18th Jan.
Haiphong	18th Jan.
Shanghai	18th Jan.
Canton	18th Jan.
Straits and Saigon	18th Jan.
Australia and Manila	18th Jan.
U. S. A. Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd December 1939)	18th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th January	19th Jan.
Canton	19th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits—London date, 2nd Dec. 1939	19th Jan.
Sandakan	19th Jan.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	19th Jan.
Haiphong, Hoihow & Fort Bayard	20th Jan.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	20th Jan.
Shanghai	20th Jan.
Shanghai	20th Jan.
Straits	20th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan American Air-ways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th January	21st Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 13th January	21st Jan.
Japan	21st Jan.
Shanghai	21st Jan.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	21st Jan.
Shanghai and Amoy	21st Jan.
Haiphong and Hoihow	22nd Jan.
Haiphong and Hoihow	23rd Jan.
Shanghai	23rd Jan.
Java and Manila	23rd Jan.
Straits	23rd Jan.
Japan	23rd Jan.
Japan	23rd Jan.
Manila	23rd Jan.
Manila	23rd Jan.
Shanghai	23rd Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Jan.
U. S. A. Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 4th January)	29th Jan.
Manila	29th Jan.
Shanghai	30th Jan.
Java and Manila	31st Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 17th
Saigon	9.30 AM
Bangkok	9.30 AM
Manila	9.30 AM
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	10.00 AM
Fort Bayard	1.30 PM
Manila	1.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 25th January	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 18th
Canton	7.15 AM
Amoy and Shanghai	2.30 PM
Japan	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 19th
Sandakan	8.30 AM
SATURDAY	Sat. 20th
Calcutta	Par. 19th 5.00 PM
Saigon	Ord. 20th 8.30 AM
Haiphong	10.30 AM
Shanghai and Japan	2.00 PM
	2.30 PM
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden Egypt, Malta and Europe via Suez and London Parcells—due London, 3rd March	Parcells 5.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 28th January	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Amoy	5.30 PM
South Africa via Durban	5.30 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 21st
Fort Bayard, and Hoihow	9.00 AM
Shanghai	9.00 AM
Swatow and Parcells only for Tientsin	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 22nd
	K.P.O.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 28th Jan.	Reg. 20th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 20th 5.30 PM
Tourane and Saigon	G.P.O.
	Reg. 20th 6.00 PM
	Ord. 22nd 7.30 AM
Haiphong	8.30 AM
Canton	1.00 PM
	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 23rd
Shanghai	2.30 PM
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 16th February	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 2.45 PM
	Ord. 3.30 PM

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